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OF THE
OLD COVENANT,
IN
A REVISED TRANSLATION

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P R E F A C E.

THE necessity for a revision of the Common Version of the Holy Scriptures is so generally recognised, that it would be superfluous here to repeat the arguments in its favour. At the same time, the obstacles to a revision by authority are so numerous, that there is little prospect of its being speedily accomplished. It cannot be thought presumptuous, therefore, if individuals take upon themselves an office, which seems to be declined by those public bodies to which it more properly belongs; and endeavour to offer to readers of the Scriptures a more faithful representation of their text and meaning, than they can obtain from the Common Version.

The Authors of this revision have not, however, undertaken either the establishment of a new text or the production of a new translation of the Scriptures. They have assumed the Common Version as a basis, and have departed from it only where, in their judgment, the text was clearly corrupt, the rendering inaccurate, or the phraseology obsolete or obscure. In the part now published, the Masoretic text of the original, as exhibited in the edition of Van der Hooght, has been followed, with such occasional variations as appeared to be at once important and adequately supported by the authority of manuscripts and versions. The truth is, that little aid towards the establishment of a new text is to be derived from the Hebrew

manuscripts, none of which carry us back beyond the æra of the Masoretic revision, in the seventh century after Christ; and that most of their various readings are either unimportant in themselves, or inappreciable in a translation. And though biblical scholars are unanimous in the opinion, that our present text is in many passages incorrect, they are by no means agreed as to the manner in which it is to be corrected. The present publication is intended for the use of a class of readers, who have no means of weighing critical evidence; and its purpose being practical, the Editors have, in doubtful cases, admitted the prescriptive right of a version, which two centuries and a half have rendered sacred to the religious mind of England. Its style and idiom have been carefully preserved, where change seemed the duty of a faithful translator.

In regard to the use of Italics, this revision differs somewhat from the Common Version. It has not been thought necessary to employ them, as is done in our Bibles, wherever the translation contains a word which has no equivalent in the original; as, for instance, in the systematic omission in Hebrew of the substantive verb, and similar cases of merely grammatical idiom. Nor, again, are they used when words are inserted which are not now found in the present Hebrew text, but which the Editors believe, on the authority of manuscripts or versions, to have originally stood there. Thus, in Genesis iv. 8, the words "Let us go into the field," though wanting in the Hebrew, are printed in the common character, the author of the revision believing, on critical evidence, that they have been accidentally lost; on the other hand, in Joshua xi. 2, and other passages of the same book, the words "*of the Jordan*," which have no separate equivalent in the original, are added in Italics, because the word *Arabah* is here used in the Hebrew, not in the general sense of *plain*, but specifically of that great plain or valley through which the Jordan runs, from the Lake of

Gennesareth to the Dead Sea. No words of importance have ever been added, without such a notice to the readers.

After all that can be done to exhibit a faithful rendering of the Scriptures, obscurities will remain which only a commentary can remove. It has not been thought expedient, however, to add explanatory notes to this translation ; but, should the undertaking be favourably received, a volume of brief notes might be added, in which the reasons of the changes introduced into the revision should be stated, and difficult passages be explained.

The late Rev. Charles Wellbeloved published some years ago a new translation of the Five Books of Moses, with Job and the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Solomon's Song, as a part of a Family Bible, which he did not complete. He had been engaged before his death in revising what he had published, with a view to its incorporation in the present work, but had proceeded no further than the end of Deuteronomy. He had, however, left in manuscript a revision of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth, from which the translation of these books has been prepared by the Rev. John Kenrick. The Books of Samuel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations, have been undertaken by the Rev. George Vance Smith ; the Books of Kings, Chronicles, Ezekiel, and Daniel, by the Rev. John Scott Porter. The Psalms and the other Books included in Mr. Wellbeloved's Bible will be printed from a revised copy of that work, and the Minor Prophets from a manuscript which he had prepared for the press several years before his death. It is expected that the whole will be comprised in three volumes.

Such a work as the present has, of course, not been undertaken without concert and mutual understanding among the persons engaged in it, and it is hoped that a general uniformity will by this means be preserved. Each translator, however, must be regarded as responsible only for his own share.

Among independent translators, diversities of taste and opinion will necessarily exist, giving rise to varieties in their translations, but the sense of the original may be faithfully represented by different modes of expression.

The Authors of this revision have engaged in it with no view to any personal or party object, but solely in the hope of furnishing a correct and intelligible version of the Scriptures, and they commit their work to the judgment of the serious and candid reader, and to the blessing of Him whose Word is Truth.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS.

1 CHAP. I.—In the beginning God created the heavens
2 and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void ;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep ; and the Spirit
of God brooded on the face of the waters.

3 And God said, “ Let there be light : ” and there was light.
4 And God saw that the light was good : and God separated
5 the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day,
and the darkness he called Night. And the evening came
and the morning came, the first day.

6 And God said, “ Let there be a firmament in the midst
of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

7 And God made the firmament, and separated the waters be-
low the firmament from the waters above the firmament :
8 and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven.
And the evening came and the morning came, the second day.

9 And God said, “ Let the waters under the heavens be
gathered together into one place, and let the dry land ap-
pear : ” and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth ;
10 and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas :
11 and God saw that it was good. And God said, “ Let the
earth bring forth grass, *and* herbs yielding seed, *and* fruit-
trees yielding fruit according to their kinds, the seed of
which shall be in itself upon the earth : ” and it was

12 so. For the earth brought forth grass, *and* herbs yielding
seed according to their kinds, and trees yielding fruit, the
seed of which was in itself according to their kinds :
13 and God saw that it was good. And the evening came and
the morning came, the third day.

14 And God said, “ Let there be lights in the firmament of

heaven to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven, to give light upon the earth:" and it was so. For God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the smaller light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of heaven, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening came and the morning came, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters swarm with living things, and let flying creatures fly above the earth under the firmament of heaven:" and it was so. For God created great sea animals, and all the moving things with which the waters swarmed, according to their kinds, and every winged fowl according to its kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas; and let the fowl multiply on the earth." And the evening came and the morning came, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds, cattle, and creeping things, and wild beasts according to their kinds:" and it was so. For God made the wild beasts according to their kinds, and cattle according to their kinds, and every thing that creepeth on the ground according to its kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowls of heaven, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him. Male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowls of heaven, and over the cattle, and over every living thing that creepeth upon the earth. And God said, "Lo, I give to you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the whole earth, and every tree, in which is fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for yourselves, and for all the beasts of the earth and for all the fowls of heaven, and for every thing that creepeth upon the earth, in which is

31 life: every green herb *I give* for food:” and it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening came and the morning came, the sixth day.

1 CHAP. II.—Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
2 and all their hosts. So on the seventh day God had finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh
3 day from all his work which he had made. God therefore blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that on it he rested from all his work which God had created and made.

4 This is the Account of the heavens and the earth, at their creation when Jehovah God made the heavens and the
5 earth. And every plant of the field had not yet been on the earth, and every herb of the field had not yet grown: for Jehovah God had not caused rain to fall upon the earth, nor
6 was there a man to till the ground; but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the
7 ground. And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 And Jehovah God planted a garden in Eden eastward:
9 and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river flowed from Eden to water the garden; and
11 thence it was divided, and became four heads. The name of the first is Phison: it is that which surroundeth the
12 whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx-stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: it is that which sur-
13 roundeth the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: it is that which runneth towards the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the
16 garden of Eden, to till it and to keep it. And Jehovah God charged the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden
17 thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat: for in the day that thou eatest of it thou shalt surely die.”

And Jehovah God said, "It is not good that the man ¹⁸ [ADAM] should be alone; I will make for him a helpmate." Then out of the ground Jehovah God formed every beast of ¹⁹ the field and all the fowls of heaven; and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was its name. So Adam ²⁰ gave names to all cattle, and to the fowls of heaven, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam no helpmate was found. Therefore Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall ²¹ upon Adam, and while he slept, he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: and the rib, which ²² Jehovah God had taken from man, he made a woman, and brought her to Adam. And Adam said, "This now is bone ²³ of my bone, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man." Therefore ²⁴ shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh. And they were ²⁵ both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashlamed.

CHAP. III.—Now the serpent was more subtle than any ¹ beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said to the woman, "Hath God indeed said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to ² the serpent, "Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst ³ of the garden, God hath said, 'Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.'" And the serpent said to ⁴ the woman, "Ye shall not surely die: but God doth know, ⁵ that in the day ye eat of it your eyes will be opened; and ye will be as God, knowing good and evil." And when the ⁶ woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired as making wise, she took of the fruit of it and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her, and he did eat. And the eyes of ⁷ them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked: and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves girdles. And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walk- ⁸ ing in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God, amongst the trees of the garden. And Jehovah God called ⁹ to Adam, and said to him, "Where art thou?" And he ¹⁰ said, "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." And he said, ¹¹

“Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten
12 of the tree, of which I commanded thee not to eat?” And
Adam said, “The woman, whom thou gavest to be with me,
13 she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” And Jehovah God
said to the woman, “Why hast thou done this?” And the
woman said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”
14 And Jehovah God said to the serpent, “Because thou hast
done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every
beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust
15 shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put
enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed
and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise
16 its heel.” And to the woman he said, “I will greatly mul-
tiply the sorrow of thy conception: in sorrow thou shalt
bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband,
17 and he shall rule over thee.” And to Adam he said, “Be-
cause thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and hast
eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, ‘Thou
shalt not eat of it;’ cursed is the ground for thy sake: in
18 sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life: thorns
also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt
19 eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou
eat bread, till thou return to the ground: for out of it wast
thou taken: for dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt
20 return.” And Adam called his wife’s name Eve [LIFE];
21 because she was the mother of all living. And Jehovah God
made for Adam and his wife garments of skins, and clothed
22 them. And Jehovah God said, “Behold, the man is be-
come as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he
put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat,
23 and live for ever.” Therefore Jehovah God sent him forth
from the garden of Eden, to till the ground whence he had
24 been taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed on
the east of the garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming
sword which turned every way, to guard the way of the tree
of life.

1 CHAP. IV.—And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she con-
ceived, and bare Cain [ACQUISITION], for she said, “I have
2 acquired a man from Jehovah.” And again she bare his
brother Abel [VANITY]. And Abel was a keeper of sheep,
but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 Now in process of time Cain brought of the fruit of the

ground an offering to Jehovah. And Abel also brought of 4 the first-born and of the fattest of his flock. And Jehovah had respect to Abel and to his offering : but to Cain and to 5 his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And Jehovah said to Cain, "Why 6 art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If 7 thou doest well, shalt not thou be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him."

And Cain said to Abel his brother, "Let us go into the 8 field;" and when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him. And Jehovah said to Cain, 9 "Where is Abel thy brother?" And he said, "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?" And *Jehovah* said, 10 "What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth to me from the ground. And now art thou cursed 11 from the ground, which hath opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand. If thou tillest the 12 ground it will no more yield to thee its strength : a fugitive and a wanderer shalt thou be in the earth." And Cain said 13 to Jehovah, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Lo, thou art driving me out this day from the face of this 14 land; and from thy presence I shall be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth : and it shall come to pass that whosoever shall find me will slay me." And 15 Jehovah said to him, "Not so; whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And Jehovah gave a token to Cain, that no one who might find him should kill him.

And Cain went out from the presence of Jehovah, and 16 dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain 17 knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son Enoch. And to Enoch was born Irad : 18 and Irad begat Mehujael : and Mehujael begat Methusael : and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him 19 two wives : the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal : he was the father 20 of such as dwell in tents, and *tend* cattle. And his brother's 21 name was Jubal : he was the father of all such as play upon the harp and the psaltery. And Zillah also bare Tubal-cain, 22 an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron : and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said to his wives :

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice ;

Ye wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech :

For I have slain a man on his wounding me,

And a young man on his bruising me.

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,

Lamech *shall be avenged* seventy and sevenfold.”

25 And Adam knew his wife again ; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth [APPOINTMENT] : “For God,” *said she*,

“hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom

26 Cain slew.” And to Seth also was born a son ; and he called his name Enos : then began men to call upon the name of Jehovah.

1 CHAP. V.—This is the Book of the descendants of Adam.

In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God he
2 made him ; male and female he created them ; and he
blessed them, and called their name Adam [MAN], in the
day when they were created.

3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years and begat
a son in his own likeness, after his own image, and called
4 his name Seth : and the days of Adam, after he begat
Seth, were eight hundred years : and he begat sons and
5 daughters : so all the days that Adam lived were nine hun-
dred and thirty years : and he died.

6 And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and begat
7 Enos : and Seth lived, after he begat Enos, eight hundred
and seven years, and begat sons and daughters : so all
8 the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years :
and he died.

9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan : and
10 Enos lived, after he begat Cainan, eight hundred and
11 fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters : so all the days
of Enos were nine hundred and five years : and he died.

12 And Cainan lived seventy years and begat Mahalaleel : and
Cainan lived, after he begat Mahalaleel, eight hundred and
13 forty years, and begat sons and daughters : so all the days
of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years : and he died.

14 And Mahalaleel lived sixty-five years and begat Jared :
15 and Mahalaleel lived, after he begat Jared, eight hundred
16 and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters : so all the
days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred and ninety-five years :
and he died.

And Jared lived a hundred and sixty-two years, and begat 18
 Enoch: and Jared lived, after he begat Enoch, eight hun- 19
 dred years, and begat sons and daughters: so all the days 20
 of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years: and he
 died.

And Enoch lived sixty-five years and begat Methuselah: 21
 and Enoch walked with God, after he begat Methuselah, 22
 three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: so all 23
 the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years:
 and Enoch walked with God, and he was not: for God took 24
 him.

And Methuselah lived a hundred and eighty-seven years, 25
 and begat Lamech: and Methuselah lived, after he begat 26
 Lamech, seven hundred and eighty-two years, and begat
 sons and daughters: so all the days of Methuselah were 27
 nine hundred and sixty-nine years: and he died.

And Lamech lived a hundred and eighty-two years, and 28
 begat a son; and he called his name Noah [COMFORTER OR 29
 REST] saying, "This *child* shall comfort us concerning our
 work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which
 Jehovah hath cursed." And Lamech lived, after he begat 30
 Noah, five hundred and ninety-five years, and begat sons
 and daughters: so all the days of Lamech were seven hun- 31
 dred and seventy-seven years: and he died.

And Noah was five hundred years old; and Noah begat 32
 Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAP. VI.—And it came to pass that when men began 1
 to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were
 born to them, the sons of God saw the daughters of men 2
 that they were beautiful, and they took to themselves for
 wives whomsoever they chose. And Jehovah said, "My 3
 Spirit shall not be always judging men on account of their
 transgressions: they are flesh, and their days shall be a hun-
 dred and twenty years."

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also 4
 after that, when the sons of God had gone in unto the
 daughters of men, and they had borne children to them,
 these became mighty men, who of old were men of renown.
 When Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great 5
 in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of
 his heart was only evil continually, Jehovah repented that he 6
 had made man on the earth, and was grieved in his heart.

7 And Jehovah said, "I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of heaven: for I repent that I have made them." But Noah found favour in the eyes of Jehovah.

9 This is the Account of Noah. Noah was the most just and upright man of his age, *and* Noah walked with God: and Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. But the earth was corrupt in the sight of God; and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, lo, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh is come before me; because through them the earth is filled with violence: therefore, lo, I will destroy them with the earth. Make for thyself an ark of gopher-wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and thou shalt cover it within and without with bitumen. After this *form* thou shalt make it: the length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A sloping roof shalt thou make to the ark, and *at the height of* a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou place in the side of it: a lower, a second, and a third *story* shalt thou make in it. For, lo, I, even I, am about to bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, in which is the breath of life, from under the heavens; everything that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant: and thou shalt go into the ark; thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *kind* shalt thou take into the ark, to be kept alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of birds according to their kinds, and of beasts according to their kinds, and of every thing that creepeth on the ground according to their kinds, two of every *kind* shall come unto thee to be kept alive. Take thou therefore every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up with thee; that it may be for food for thee, and for them." Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

1 CHAP. VII.—And Jehovah said to Noah, "Go thou and all thy household into the ark: for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of all clean beasts thou shalt take with thee seven pairs, the male and his

female; and of beasts that are not clean one pair, the male and his female. Of fowls of heaven also seven pairs, the 3 male and the female, to keep alive *their* seed upon the face of all the earth. For after seven days I will cause it to 4 rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living creature that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.” And Noah did according to all 5 that Jehovah commanded him.

And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of 6 waters was upon the earth. And Noah with his sons, and 7 his wife, and his sons’ wives went into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts 8 not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creepeth upon the ground, there went in two and two unto Noah 9 into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters 10 of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth 11 year of the life of Noah, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain came upon the earth 12 forty days and forty nights. In that very day Noah, and 13 Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah’s wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark; they, and every beast according to its kind, and 14 all cattle according to their kinds, and every thing that creepeth upon the ground according to its kind, and every fowl according to its kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and 15 two of all flesh, in which was the breath of life. And they 16 that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and Jehovah shut him in.

And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the 17 waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was raised above the earth.

And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon 18 the earth, and the ark floated upon the surface of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth, so that 19 all the high mountains, which were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail: 20 and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that 21 moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of

beasts, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the
 22 earth, and every man : all in whose nostrils was the breath of
 23 life, of all that was in the dry *land*, died. And every living
 creature was destroyed which was upon the face of the
 ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping things, and the
 fowls of heaven ; and they were destroyed from the earth : and
 Noah only remained *alive*, and they who were with him in
 24 the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred
 and fifty days.

1 CHAP. VIII.—But God remembered Noah, and every
 beast, and all the cattle that were with him in the
 ark : and God made a wind to pass over the earth, to
 2 assuage the waters. The fountains also of the deep and
 the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from
 3 heaven was restrained ; and the waters gradually returned
 from off the earth : and at the end of the hundred and fifty
 4 days the waters were abated, so that the ark rested in the
 seventh month, on the seventh day of the month, upon the
 5 mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually
 until the tenth month : in the tenth *month*, on the first
day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.
 6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah
 7 opened the window of the ark which he had made : and he
 sent forth a raven, which went out, going and returning,
 8 until the waters were dried up from off the earth. He also
 sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated
 9 from off the face of the ground : but the dove found no
 rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him
 into the ark ; for the waters were on the face of the whole
 earth. Then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled
 10 her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed seven days
 more, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark :
 11 and the dove came in unto him in the evening, and, lo, in
 her mouth was an olive-leaf plucked off. So Noah knew
 12 that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he
 stayed seven days more and sent forth the dove, which
 returned not again unto him.
 13 And in the six hundredth and first year, in the first
month, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up
 from off the earth : and Noah removed the covering of the
 ark, and looked, and, lo, the face of the ground was dry.

And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the 14 month, the earth was dried.

And God spake to Noah, saying, "Go forth from the 15 ark, thou and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that 17 is with thee of every kind; fowl and cattle and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the ground; that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth." And Noah went forth, and his wife, and his 18 sons, and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creep- 19 ing thing and every fowl, whatsoever moveth upon the earth according to their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

And Noah built an altar to Jehovah, and took of every 20 sort of clean beasts, and of every sort of clean birds, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And Jehovah smelled 21 the acceptable smell: and Jehovah said in his heart, "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; although the imagination of man's heart be evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and 22 harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

CHAP. IX.—And God blessed Noah and his sons, and 1 said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. And let the fear of you and the dread of you be upon 2 all the beasts of the earth, and upon all the fowls of heaven, upon every thing which creepeth on the ground, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; even 3 as the green herb I give you them all; but flesh with the 4 life thereof, *that is* the blood thereof, ye shall not eat. And surely of your blood of your lives will I require an 5 account; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require an account of the life of man. Whosoever 6 sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God he hath made man. And be ye fruitful 7 and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein."

And God spake to Noah and to his sons with him, 8 saying, "Behold I now establish my covenant with you, 9

10 and with your seed after you, and with every living creature that is with you, of fowl, of cattle, and wild beasts with you; from all that came out of the ark to every beast
 11 of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that no more shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood; nor shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.”
 12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is
 13 with you, for perpetual generations. I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between
 14 me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, the bow shall appear in the cloud;
 15 and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you, and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
 16 For the bow shall be in the cloud, and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.”
 17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.”

18 And the sons of Noah, who went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: now Ham is the father
 19 of Canaan. These are the three sons of Noah: and from them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a
 21 vineyard; and he drank of the wine, and was drunken;
 22 and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told
 23 his two brethren who were without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And when Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him, he said:

25 “Cursed be Canaan!

A slave of slaves shall he be to his brethren.”

26 He also said:

“Blessed of Jehovah, my God, be Shem!

And Canaan shall be his slave.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth,

And he shall dwell in the tents of Shem;
And Canaan shall be his slave."

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty 25
years. And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and 29
fifty years: and he died.

CHAP. X.—Now this is the Account of the descendants 1
of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and to them
sons were born after the deluge.

The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, 2
and Javan, and Tubal, and Meschech, and Tiras. And the 3
sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.
And the sons of Javan; Elisha, and Tarshish, Chetim, and 4
Dodanim. By these were the coasts of the nations divided 5
in their lands; each according to its language, according to
their families, in their nations.

And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, 6
and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, 7
and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtchea: and the sons of
Raamah; Sheba and Dedan. Cush also begat Nimrod; he 8
began to be a mighty one in the earth: he was a mighty 9
hunter before Jehovah: wherefore it is said, "Even as Nim- 10
rod the mighty hunter before Jehovah." And the beginning
of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and
Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went 11
into Assyria, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth,
and Calah, and Resen, between Nineveh and Calah: the 12
same is a great city. And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ana- 13
mim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, and Pathrusim, and 14
Casluhim (from whom came Philistim), and Caphtorim. And 15
Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth, and the Jebu- 16
site, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite, and the Hivite, 17
and the Arkite, and the Sinite, and the Arvadite, and the 18
Zemarite, and the Hamathite. And afterwards the families
of the Canaanites were spread abroad, and the boundaries 19
of the Canaanites were from Zidon to Gerar and Gaza;
thence to Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim,
even unto Iasha. These are the sons of Ham, according to 20
their families, *and* their language, in their lands, *and* in their
nations.

Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the 21
elder brother of Japheth, even to him were *children* born.

22 The sons of Shem ; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and
 23 Lud, and Aram. And the children of Aram ; Uz, and Hul,
 24 and Gether, and Mash. And Arphaxad begat Salah ; and
 25 Salah begat Eber. And unto Eber were born two sons ; the
 name of one was Peleg [DIVISION] ; for in his days was the
 26 earth divided ; and his brother's name was Joktan. And
 Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and
 27 Jerah, and Adoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, and Obal, and
 29 Abimacl, and Sheba, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab :
 30 all these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling was
 31 from Mesha unto Sephar, a mountain of the east. These
 are the sons of Shem, according to their families, *and* their
 language, in their lands, according to their nations.
 32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to
 their descents, in their nations : and by these were the
 nations divided in the earth after the flood.

1 CHAP. XI.—And the whole earth was of one language,
 2 and of one speech. And it came to pass as they moved
 from the east that they found a plain in the land of Shinar ;
 3 and they settled there ; and they said to one another,
 “ Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.”
 4 So they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. And
 they said, “ Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a
 tower the top of which *may reach* unto heaven ; and let us
 make for ourselves a *land-mark*, lest we be scattered abroad
 5 over the face of the whole earth.” And Jehovah came down
 to see the city and the tower which the sons of men were
 6 building. And Jehovah said, “ Lo, they are one people, and
 they have all one language ; and this they begin to do : and
 now they will be restrained from nothing which they pur-
 7 pose to do. Come, let us go down, and there confound
 their language, that they may not understand one another's
 8 speech.” So Jehovah scattered them thence over the face
 of all the earth : and they ceased from building the city.
 9 Therefore the name of it is called Babel [CONFUSION] ;
 because Jehovah did there confound the language of all
 the earth : and thence did Jehovah scatter them over the
 face of all the earth.
 10 This is the Account of the descendants of Shem. Shem was
 a hundred years old when he begat Arphaxad, two years after
 11 the flood : and Shem lived, after he begat Arphaxad, five hun-
 dred years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begat Salah : 12
and Arphaxad lived, after he begat Salah, four hundred 13
and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber : and Salah 14
lived, after he begat Eber, four hundred and three years, and
begat sons and daughters.

And Eber lived thirty-four years, and begat Peleg : and 16
Eber lived, after he begat Peleg, four hundred and thirty
years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Ren : and Peleg 18
lived, after he begat Ren, two hundred and nine years, and
begat sons and daughters.

And Ren lived thirty-two years, and begat Serug : and 20
Ren lived, after he begat Serug, two hundred and seven
years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor : and 22
Serug lived, after he begat Nahor, two hundred years, and
begat sons and daughters.

And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begat Terah : 24
and Nahor lived, after he begat Terah, a hundred and nine- 25
teen years, and begat sons and daughters.

And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, 26
and Haran.

And this is the Account of the descendants of Terah : Terah 27
begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begat Lot : and Haran 28
died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur
of Chaldæa. And Abram and Nahor took unto themselves 29
wives : the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name
of Nahor's wife Milcah, the daughter of Haran, who was
the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah. But Sarai 30
was barren ; she had no child. And Terah took his son 31
Abram and his grandson Lot the son of Haran, and Sarai
his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife ; and brought
them out from Ur of Chaldæa, to go into the land of
Canaan. But when they came unto Haran, they settled 32
there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five
years : and Terah died in Haran.

CHAP. XII.—Now Jehovah had said to Abram, “ Depart 1
from thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy
father's house, into a land that I will shew thee : and I 2
will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee,
and make thy name great ; and thou shalt be a bless-

3 ing: and I will bless them who bless thee, and curse him
 who curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be
 4 blessed." So Abram departed as Jehovah had commanded
 him; and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five
 years old when he went from Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's
 son, and all their substance which they had gathered, and
 the persons whom they had gotten in Haran: and they
 went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And when they
 6 were come into the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the
 land to the place of Sichem, to the terebinth tree of Moreh.
 7 Now the Canaanites were then in the land. And Jehovah
 appeared to Abram, and said "To thy seed will I give
 this land." And there he built an altar to Jehovah,
 8 who had appeared to him. And he removed thence to the
 mountainous country on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his
 tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east; and
 there he built an altar to Jehovah, and called upon the
 9 name of Jehovah. And Abram journeyed, going on still
 toward the south.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went
 down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was
 11 grievous in the land of *Canaan*. And it came to pass
 when he drew near to enter into Egypt, that he said to
 Sarai his wife, "Lo now, I know that thou art a beautiful
 12 woman to look upon: when, therefore, the Egyptians see
 thee, they will say, 'This is his wife;' and they will kill me,
 13 but they will save thee alive. Say, I pray thee, thou art my
 sister, that it may be well with me on thy account, and that
 14 my life may be preserved for thy sake." And it came to
 pass, that when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians
 15 saw that the woman was very beautiful. The princes of
 Pharaoh also saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh,
 16 and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. And he
 treated Abram well for her sake: and he had flocks and
 herds, and he-asses, and men-servants and maid-servants,
 17 and she-asses, and camels. But Jehovah plagued Pharaoh
 and his house with great plagues, because of Sarai, Abram's
 18 wife. Pharaoh therefore called Abram, and said, "What is
 this that thou hast done to me? why didst thou not tell me
 19 that she was thy wife? Why saidst thou, 'She is my sister?'
 so I might have taken her to be my wife: now, therefore,
 20 behold thy wife take her, and go." And Pharaoh gave

orders to *certain* men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.—And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, ¹ and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south *part of Canaan*. Now Abram was very rich in ² cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he went on in his jour- ³ neys from the south to Beth-el, to the place where his tent had been before, between Beth-el and Hai; to the place ⁴ where he had formerly built an altar; and there Abram called on the name of Jehovah. And Lot also, who went ⁵ with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the ⁶ land was not able to bear them to dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle ⁷ and the herdmen of Lot's cattle. Now the Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelt then in the land. And Abram said to ⁸ Lot, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen: for we are kinsmen. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate ⁹ thyself, I pray thee, from me. If *thou wilt go* to the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou wilt go* to the right hand, then I will go to the left." Then Lot lifted up ¹⁰ his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before Jehovah had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, all the way to Zoar, as the garden of Jehovah, as the land of Egypt. Lot therefore chose ¹¹ for himself all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward: thus they separated themselves the one from the other: Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt amongst ¹² the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent by Sodom. Now ¹³ the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful in the sight of Jehovah.

And Jehovah said to Abram, after Lot was separated from ¹⁴ him, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give ¹⁵ it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as ¹⁶ the dust of the earth: so that if any one can number the dust of the earth, thy seed also may be numbered. Arise, ¹⁷ walk through the land, in the length of it and in the breadth of it: for I will give it to thee." Then Abram ¹⁸ pitched his tent and went and dwelt at the terebinth trees

of Mamre, which are by Hebron, and built there an altar to Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goim, *that they* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the Salt Sea. Twelve years had they been subject to Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they revolted. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings who were with him, and smote the Rephaites in Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzites in Ham, and the Enites in Shaveh-kiriatim, and the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the desert. And they turned and came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezontamar. And the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar, went out and joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; with Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of Goim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. Now the vale of Siddim was full of pits of bitumen: and the kings of Sodom and of Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they who remained fled to the mountains. Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and departed. They took Lot also, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 But one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were in alliance with Abram. And when Abram heard that his kinsman was taken captive, he mustered his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan. And he and his servants divided themselves and fell upon them by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods; his kinsman Lot also,

and his goods he brought back, with the women also, and the people.

And after his return from smiting Chedorlaomer, 17 and the kings that were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the King's Dale. Melchizedek also, king of Salem, brought forth 18 bread and wine; and he was a priest of God Most High. And he blessed him, and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most 19 High, possessor of the heavens and the earth: and blessed 20 be God Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hands." And *Abram* gave him a tenth part of all.

And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the per- 21 sons, and take the goods to thyself." And Abram said to 22 the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah God Most High, possessor of the heavens and the earth, that 23 I will not take anything that is thine, from a thread even to a sandal string, lest thou shouldest say, 'I have made Abram rich:' save only that which the young men have eaten, and 24 the portion of the men who went with me, *Aner*, *Esheol*, and *Mamre*; let them take their portion."

CHAP. XV.—After these things the word of Jehovah 1 came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram: I am a shield to thee, thy exceeding great reward." And 2 Abram said, "Lord Jehovah, what wilt thou give me, seeing I am still childless, and the steward of my house is this *Eliezer of Damascus*?" Abram also said, "Lo, to me thou 3 hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house will be my heir." And, lo, the word of Jehovah *came* to him, say- 4 ing, "This shall not be thine heir; but one who shall spring from thyself shall be thine heir." And he brought him forth 5 abroad, and said, "Look now towards the heavens, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them." And he said to him, "So shall thy seed be." And he believed 6 Jehovah; and he accounted it to him for righteousness. And 7 he said to him, "I am Jehovah who brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land for an inheritance." And *Abram* said, "Lord Jehovah, by what shall I know that 8 I shall inherit it?" And he said to him, "Bring to me a 9 heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." And he brought to him all these, and divided them in halves, 10

and laid each piece one against another; but the birds he
 11 divided not. And the birds of prey came down upon the car-
 12 cases, and Abram drove them away. And when the sun was
 going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror
 13 with great darkness fell upon him. And *Jehovah* said to
 Abram, "Know surely, that thy seed shall be sojourners in
 a land not their own, which will reduce them into slavery,
 14 and will afflict them four hundred years: but that nation,
 whom they shall serve, I will judge; and afterwards they
 15 shall come out with great substance. Thou indeed shalt go
 to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old
 16 age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither
 again; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."
 17 And it came to pass that when the sun had gone down, and
 it was dark, lo, a smoking furnace and a burning lamp which
 18 passed between those pieces. At that time *Jehovah* made a
 covenant with Abram, saying, "To thy seed I give this
 land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river
 19 Euphrates: the *land of the* Kenites, and the Kenizzites,
 20 and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites,
 21 and the Rephaites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites,
 and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

1 CHAP. XVI.—Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bare him no
 children: and she had an Egyptian hand-maid, whose
 2 name was Hagar. And Sarai said to Abram, "Lo now,
Jehovah hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go
 in unto my handmaid; I may, perhaps, obtain children by
 3 her." And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And
 Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her hand-
 maid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan,
 4 and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And
 he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and, when she
 saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her
 5 eyes. And Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong *lieth* upon
 thee: I have given my hand-maid into thy bosom; and
 when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her
 6 eyes: may *Jehovah* judge between me and thee." But
 Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, thy hand-maid is in thy
 power: do to her as it pleaseth thee."

And Sarai treated her harshly, so that she fled from her
 7 face. And an angel of *Jehovah* found her by a fountain of

water in the desert, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, Sarai's hand-maid, whence camest thou? and whither wouldst thou go?" And she said, "I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai." And the angel of Jehovah said to her, "Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself to her power." And the angel of Jehovah said to her, "I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude." The angel of Jehovah also said to her, "Behold, thou hast conceived, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael [GOD WILL HEAR]; because God hath heard thee in thine affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand against every man, and every man's hand against him: yet he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." And she called the name of Jehovah who spake to her, 'Thou God seest me:' for she said, "Have I also here looked after him who seeth me?" Wherefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi: lo, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

And Hagar bare Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bare, Ishmael. And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.—And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me, and be perfect; and I will make a covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying, "Lo, I make a covenant with thee, and thou shalt be the father of a multitude of nations. And thy name shall not any more be called Abram [EXALTED FATHER]; but thy name shall be called Abraham [FATHER OF A MULTITUDE]: for the father of a multitude of nations have I appointed thee to be. And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come from thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give to thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land in which thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham, "Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed

10 after thee, in their generations. This is my covenant, between me and you, and thy seed after thee, which ye shall keep. Every male-child among you shall be circumcised:
 11 and ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a mark of the covenant between me and you.
 12 Every male-child among you eight days old, whether he be born in the house, or bought with money of any alien, who is not of thy seed, shall, through your generations,
 13 be circumcised. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must without fail be circumcised, that my covenant may be in your flesh, an everlasting covenant.
 14 But the uncircumcised male-child, whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."

15 And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai [MY PRINCESS], but Sarah [A
 16 FRUITFUL WOMAN] shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her; yea I will bless her, and she shall be a *mother of nations*, and kings of peoples
 17 shall come from her." Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to him who is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, who is
 18 ninety years old, bear?" And Abraham said unto God,
 19 "Oh that Ishmael might live before thee!" And God said "Sarah thy wife shall indeed bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name Isaac [LAUGHTER]: and I will establish my covenant with him and with his seed after him, for an
 20 everlasting covenant. For Ishmael also I have heard thee; lo, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes shall he beget,
 21 and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to thee at
 22 this very time the next year." And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that had been born in his house, and all that had been bought with his money, every male of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on that selfsame day, as God
 24 had commanded him. And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was
 26 circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. In the same day
 27 was Abraham circumcised and Ishmael his son; and all the

men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of an alien, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.—And Jehovah appeared to him at the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he sat in the tent-door in the heat of the day. And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood over against him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent-door, and bowed himself toward the ground, and said, “My lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: and I will fetch a morsel of bread, that ye may refresh yourselves; after that ye shall pass on: for with this intent are ye come to your servant.” And they said, “So do as thou hast said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and made hearth-cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who hastened to dress it. And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. And they said to him, “Where is Sarah thy wife?” And he said, “Lo, in the tent.” And he said, “I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.” And Sarah heard it in the tent-door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were far advanced in years; and it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I am grown old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?” And Jehovah said to Abraham, “Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I who am old surely bear a child?’ Is anything too hard for Jehovah? At the time appointed will I return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.” Then Sarah denied, saying, “I laughed not;” for she was afraid. And he said, “Nay; but thou didst laugh.”

And the men rose up thence, and turned towards Sodom; and Abraham went with them to conduct them on the way. And Jehovah said, “Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am about to do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the

19 earth shall be blessed in him? For I know that he will command his children and his household after him, to keep the way of Jehovah, by doing justice and judgment; that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath
20 spoken concerning him." And Jehovah said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their
21 sin is very grievous, I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry against it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know."

22 Then the men turned their faces thence, and were going towards Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before Jehovah. And
23 Abraham drew near, and said, "Wilt thou also destroy the
24 righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there may be fifty righteous *persons* within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?
25 Far be it from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked; and to make the righteous and the wicked alike; that be far from thee. Shall not the Judge of all
26 the earth do right?" And Jehovah said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous *persons* within the city, then I will
27 spare the whole place, for their sakes." And Abraham answered and said, "Lo, now, I have taken upon me to speak
28 to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes: peradventure there may be wanting five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy the whole city for *the want of* five?" And he said, "If
29 I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it." And he spake to him yet again, and said, "Peradventure there may be forty found there." And he said, "I will not do it for the sake
30 of forty." And he said "Oh let not my Lord be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there may be thirty found there." And he said, "I will not do it, if I find thirty
31 there." And he said, "Lo, now, I have taken upon me to speak to my Lord: peradventure there may be twenty found there." And he said, "I will not destroy it for
32 the sake of twenty." And he said, "Oh let not my Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: peradventure ten may be found there." And he said, "I will not destroy
33 it for the sake of ten." And Jehovah went away, when he had left off talking with Abraham: and Abraham returned to his own place.

1 CHAP. XIX.—And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening; and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom:

and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and having bowed himself with his face toward the ground, he said, 2
“Lo now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant’s house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early and go on your way.” And they said, “Nay; we will abide in the street all night.” But when he pressed 3 them greatly, they turned in unto him, and entered into his house: and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they did eat.

They had not yet lain down, when the men of the city, 4 the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people together, surrounded the house; and they called to Lot, and 5 said to him, “Where are the men who came in to thee this night? bring them out to us, that we may know them.” And Lot went out at the door to them, and shut the door 6 after him, and said, “I pray you, brethren, do not so 7 wickedly. Lo now, I have two daughters who have not 8 known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out to you, and do ye to them as is right in your eyes: only to these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.” And they said, “Stand back.” And they said *again*, 9 “Shall one who came in to sojourn, make himself a judge? now will we deal worse with thee than with them.” So they pressed hard on the man, on Lot, and were approaching to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and 10 pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. And 11 they smote the men who were at the door of the house, both small and great, with blindness; so that they wearied themselves to find the door. And the men said to Lot, 12 “Who of thy kindred besides are here? Thy sons-in-law, thy sons and thy daughters, and whomsoever thou hast in the city, bring out of this place: for we are about to de- 13 stroy this place, because the cry against them is become great before the face of Jehovah; and Jehovah hath sent us to destroy it.” And Lot went out and spake to his sons-in- 14 law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Arise, go ye out of this place; for Jehovah is about to destroy this city.” But he seemed, in the eyes of his sons-in-law, as one that 15 jested.

And when the morning arose, the angels hastened Lot, 15 saying, “Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, who are here, lest thou be destroyed in the punishment of the city.” And while he lingered, the men took hold of his 16

hand, and of the hand of his wife, and of the hand of his two daughters, Jehovah being merciful to him; and they brought him forth, and placed him without the city. And it came to pass when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay in any part of the plain; escape to the mountains, lest thou be destroyed." But Lot said to them, "Oh, not so, my lord: lo now, thy servant hath found favour in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed to me in saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me, and I die. Lo now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is but a small one: oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a small one?) that my life may be preserved." And he said to him, "Lo, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou art come thither." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar [SMALL].

The sun had now risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar. Then Jehovah rained upon Sodom, and upon Gomorrah, brimstone and fire from Jehovah out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But *Lot's* wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Jehovah, and he looked towards Sodom and Gomorrah, and towards all the country of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt amongst the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the first-born said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us according to the custom of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father." And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went

in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the 34 morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, "Lo, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father." And they made 35 their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daugh- 36 ters of Lot with child by their father. And the first-born 37 bare a son, and called his name Moab [FROM A FATHER]: he was the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the 38 younger also bare a son, and called his name Benammi [SON OF MY OWN PEOPLE]: he was the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.—And Abraham journeyed thence toward the 1 south country, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and so-journed in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, 2 "She is my sister:" and Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by 3 night, and said to him, "Lo, thou art a dead man, on account of the woman whom thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife." But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, 4 "O Jehovah, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said 5 he not to me, 'She is my sister?' and she, even she herself, said, 'He is my brother:' in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this." And God said 6 to him in a dream, "Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; therefore I withheld thee from sinning against me, and suffered thee not to touch her. Now there- 7 fore restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet, and he will pray for thee, and thou shalt live: but if thou restore her not, know that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine." And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and 8 called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing: and all the men were greatly afraid. Then Abi- 9 melech called Abraham, and said to him, "What hast thou done to us? and in what have I offended thee, that thou wouldst bring on me and on my kingdom a great sin? Deeds that ought not to be done, thou hast done to me." Abime- 10 lech said also to Abraham, "What sawest thou, that thou shouldst do this thing?" And Abraham said, "Because I 11

thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and
 12 they will slay me for my wife's sake.' And yet indeed she
 is my sister; the daughter of my father, but not the daughter
 13 of my mother; and she became my wife. And it came to
 pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house,
 that I said to her, 'This is thy kindness which thou shalt
 shew to me; at every place to which we shall come, say of
 14 me, 'He is my brother.''' And Abimelech took flocks, and
 herds, and men-servants, and women-servants, and gave them
 15 to Abraham, and restored to him Sarah his wife. And Abi-
 melech said, "Lo, my land is before thee: dwell where it
 16 pleaseth thee." And to Sarah he said, "Lo, I have given
 thy brother a thousand pieces of silver; lo! this is for a co-
 vering of the eyes of thyself, *and* of all who are with thee,
 17 and of all *others*." Thus she was absolved. So Abraham
 prayed to God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and
 18 his maid-servants; so that they might have children. For
 Jehovah had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of
 Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

1 CHAP. XXI.—And Jehovah visited Sarah as he had said,
 2 and Jehovah did to Sarah as he had spoken: for Sarah
 conceived, and bare a son to Abraham in his old age, at the
 3 appointed time of which God had spoken to him. And Abra-
 ham called the name of his son that was born to him, whom
 4 Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his
 son Isaac, when eight days old, as God had commanded him.
 5 Now Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac
 6 was born to him. And Sarah said, "God hath prepared
 laughter for me; whosoever shall hear *of this* will laugh with
 7 me." And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham,
 'Sarah shall suckle children?' yet I have borne him a son
 8 in his old age." And the child grew, and was weaned: and
 Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was
 9 weaned. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian,
 10 whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking: wherefore she
 said to Abraham, "Cast out this bond-woman and her son:
 for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my
 11 son, with Isaac." And the speech was very displeasing to
 12 Abraham, because of his son. But God said to Abraham,
 "Let it not be displeasing to thee because of the lad, and
 because of thy bond-woman: in all that Sarah hath said to
 thee, hearken to her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be

called. Yet also of the son of the bond-woman will I make 13
a nation, because he is thy seed."

Then Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took 14
bread and a bottle of water, and gave them to Hagar, putting
them on her shoulder, and sent her away with the lad: and
she departed, and wandered in the desert of Beer-sheba.
And the water was spent in the bottle, and she placed the 15
lad under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat down 16
over against *him* a good way off, about the distance of a bow-
shot: for she said, "Let me not see the death of the lad."
So she sat down over against *him*, and lifted up her voice
and wept. And God heard the voice of the youth: and the 17
angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her,
"What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard
the voice of the youth where he *lieth*. Arise, lift up the 18
youth, and hold him in thy hand; for I will make him a
great nation." And God opened her eyes, and she saw a 19
well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with
water, and gave drink to the youth. And God was with the 20
youth; and he grew, and dwelt in the desert, and became
an archer. And he dwelt in the desert of Paran: and 21
his mother took a wife to him out of the land of Egypt.

And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech, and 22
Phicol the chief of his host, spake to Abraham, saying,
"God is with thee in all that thou doest. Now therefore 23
swear to me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falsely
with me, nor with my posterity; according to the kind-
ness that I have done to thee, thou shalt do to me, and
to the land in which thou hast sojourned." And Abraham 24
said, "I swear." Then Abraham reproved Abimelech 25
because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had
violently seized. And Abimelech said, "I know not who 26
hath done this thing; for neither didst thou tell me, nor
did I hear of it till this day." And Abraham took sheep 27
and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and both of them
made a covenant. Then Abraham set seven ewe-lambs of 28
the flock by themselves. And Abimelech said to Abraham, 29
"What mean these seven ewe-lambs, which thou hast set by
themselves?" And he said, "That thou mayest take these 30
seven ewe-lambs from my hand, that they may be a testi-
mony for me that I digged this well." Wherefore that 31
place was called Beer-sheba [THE WELL OF THE OATH];
because there they both sware. Thus they made a covenant 32

at Beer-sheba. Then Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the chief of his host, and they returned to the land of the
 33 Philistines. And *Abraham* planted a tamarisk grove at Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of Jehovah, the
 34 everlasting God. And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

1 CHAP. XXII.—And it came to pass after these things, that God proved Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham :”
 2 and he said, “Here I am.” And he said, “Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and go into the land of Moriah ; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains of which I will tell thee.”
 3 And Abraham arose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and set
 4 out to go to the place of which God had told him. And on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place
 5 afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Abide ye here with the ass ; and I and the youth will go yonder
 6 and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son ; and he took the fire in his hand, and a
 7 knife : and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake to Abraham his father, and said, “My father :” and he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Lo, the fire and the wood ; but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering ?”
 8 And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering :” so they went both of them
 9 together, till they came to the place of which God had told him : and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order ; and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the
 10 altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his
 11 hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But an angel of Jehovah called to him out of heaven, and said, “Abraham,
 12 Abraham :” and he said “Here I am.” And he said, “Lay not thy hand upon the youth, nor do any thing to him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou
 13 hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and lo, behind
 14 *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns ; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it for a burnt-offering
 in stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of

that place Jehovah-jireh [JEHOVAH WILL PROVIDE:] as it is said to this day, "In the mountain Jehovah will provide." And the angel of Jehovah called to Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, "By myself I swear, saith Jehovah, that because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, I will greatly bless thee, and I will exceedingly multiply thy seed, as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of their enemies: and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice." Then Abraham returned to his young men; and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba: and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

And it came to pass after these things that it was told to Abraham, saying, "Lo, Milcah hath also borne children to thy brother Nahor; Huz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel." (Now Bethuel was the father of Rebekah:) these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. His concubine also, whose name was Reumah, bare Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

CHAP. XXIII.—And Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years old; *these were* the years of the life of Sarah; and Sarah died in Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake to the sons of Heth, saying, "I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight." And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, "Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince amongst us: in the choicest of our sepulchres bury thy dead: not one of us will withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead." And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the sons of Heth. And he spake to them, saying, "If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and intercede for me with Ephron the son of Zohar, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he hath, which is at the end of his field: at its full price let him give it

me, for a possession of a burying-place amongst you.”
 10 Now Ephron was sitting amongst the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth, of all that went in at the gate of his city,
 11 saying, “Nay, my lord, hear me: the field I give thee, and the cave also that is in it, I give thee; in the presence of the sons of my people I give it thee: bury thy dead.”
 12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land; and he spake to Ephron, in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, “Since thou *art favourable* to me, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it from me, and I will bury my dead there.” And
 15 Ephron answered Abraham, saying, “My lord, hearken to me: the land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver; what is that between me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.”
 16 And Abraham hearkened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current
 17 with the merchant. So the field of Ephron, in Machpelah, which was opposite to Mamre, the field, and the cave which was in it, and all the trees, which were in all the
 18 borders round about, were made sure to Abraham for a possession, in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all that
 19 went in at the gate of their city. And after this Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, opposite to Mamre, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan.
 20 Thus the field, and the cave that is in it, were made sure to Abraham, for a possession of a burying-place, by the sons of Heth.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Abraham was now old, and far advanced in years: and Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things.
 2 And Abraham said to his servant, the eldest of his house, who ruled over all that he had, “Put thy hand, I pray thee,
 3 under my thigh; and I will make thee to swear by Jehovah, the God of the heavens, and the God of the earth, that thou wilt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the
 4 Canaanites, amongst whom I dwell: but that thou wilt go to my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my
 5 son Isaac.” And the servant said to him, “Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land: must I then take back thy son to the land whence thou
 6 camest?” And Abraham said to him, “Beware, that thou

take not my son thither again. Jehovah, God of the heavens, who brought me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and who spake to me, and who sware to me, saying, 'To thy seed will I give this land,' he will send his angel before thee, that thou mayest take thence a wife for my son. But if the woman be not willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be free from this my oath; only take not my son thither again." And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him to that purport.

Then the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed, *taking* all the best things of his master with him. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. And he made his camels kneel down without the city by a well of water, at the time of the evening, the time that women go out to draw *water*. And he said, "O Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, I pray thee give me success this day, and shew kindness to my master Abraham. Lo, I stand by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water: and let it come to pass that the damsel to whom I shall say, 'Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink;' and she shall say, 'Drink; and I will give thy camels drink also,' be she whom thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac. By this shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness to my master."

And it came to pass before he had done speaking that lo, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel was very beautiful, a virgin whom no man had known: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up; and the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water out of thy pitcher." And she said, "Drink, my lord:" and she made haste, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And, when she had done giving him drink, she said, "I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking." And she made haste, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. And the man gazed upon her in silence, *anxious* to know whether Jehovah had made his journey prosperous or not. And it came to pass when the camels had done drinking, 22

that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold, and said, "Whose daughter art thou? tell me I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?" And she said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bare to Nahor." She said moreover to him, "We have both straw and provender in abundance, and also room to lodge in." And the man bowed his head, and worshipped Jehovah, and said, "Blessed be Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, who hath not withdrawn from my master his merey and his truth: I am in the *right* way; Jehovah hath led me to the house of my master's brother."

And the damsel ran, and told these things to her mother's household. Now Rebekah had a brother, whose name was Laban: and Laban ran out to the man to the well. And it came to pass when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister saying, "Thus spake the man to me," that he went to the man: and lo, he was standing by the camels at the well. And he said, "Come in, thou blessed of Jehovah; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels." So the man came into the house: and *Laban* ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the feet of the men that were with him. And meat was set before him to eat: but he said, "I will not eat until I have told mine errand." And *Laban* said "Tell *it*." And he said, "I am Abraham's servant. And Jehovah hath blessed my master exceedingly, so that he is become great: and he hath given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and men-servants and maid-servants, and camels and asses. And Sarah, my master's wife, bare a son to my master when she was old: and to him hath he given all that he hath. Now my master made me to swear saying, 'Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell: but thou shalt go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son.' And I said to my master, 'Peradventure the woman will not follow me.' And he said to me, 'Jehovah, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; that thou mayest take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house. Thou shalt be free from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; if they will not give thee *one*, thou shalt be free from my oath.' Now when I came this day to the

well, I said, ‘O Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, if now thou prosper my way which I go, lo, I stand by the well 43 of water; and when the maiden cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; and she say to me, Both drink thou, and 44 I will also draw for thy camels; let the same be the woman whom Jehovah hath appointed for my master’s son.’ I had not 45 yet done speaking with myself, when, lo, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well, and drew *water*: and I said to her, ‘Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink.’ And she made 46 haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, ‘Drink; and I will give thy camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. And I 47 asked her, and said, ‘Whose daughter art thou?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Mileah bare to him:’ and I put the ring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. And I bowed my head, and wor- 48 shipped Jehovah, and blessed Jehovah, God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way, to take the daughter of my master’s brother for his son. And now, if 49 ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “This thing 50 proceedeth from Jehovah; we cannot say to thee bad or good. Lo, Rebekah is before thee; take her and go, and let her be 51 the wife of thy master’s son, as Jehovah hath spoken.” And 52 it came to pass that when Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before Jehovah. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels 53 of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. Then 54 both he and the men that were with him, ate and drank and tarried all night.

When they arose in the morning, *the servant* said, “Send me away to my master.” But her brother and her mother 55 said, “Let the damsel abide with us *a few days*, at the least ten; and after that she shall go.” And he said unto them, 56 “Hinder me not, seeing Jehovah hath prospered my way; send me away, that I may go to my master.” And they 57 said, “We will call the damsel, and inquire at her own mouth.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Wilt 58 thou go with this man?” And she said, “I will go.” And 59 they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, with

60 Abraham's servant, and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, "Thou art our sister, mayest thou be *the mother of* thousands of millions, and may thy seed possess
61 the gate of those who hate them." And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah, and departed.

62 And Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt
63 in the south country. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field towards the evening; and he lifted up his eyes, and
64 saw, and lo, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes; and when she saw Isaac, she alighted off the
65 camel, and said to the servant, "What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "It is my master:" so she took a veil and covered herself.
67 And the servant told Isaac all that he had done. Then Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took her to be his wife, and loved her: and Isaac was comforted for the loss of his mother.

1 CHAP. XXV. — And Abraham took another wife,
2 whose name was Keturah. And she bare to him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and
3 Shuah. And Jokshan begat Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were the Ashurites, and the Letushites, and
4 the Leumites. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephher, and Hanoah, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the
5 children of Keturah. Now Abraham gave all that he had
6 to Isaac. But to the sons whom Abraham had by his concubines, Abraham, while he was yet living, gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son eastward, into the land of Keden.

7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life,
8 which he lived, a hundred and seventy-five years. Then Abraham expired, and died in a good old age, an old man
9 and full of *days*; and was gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is
10 opposite to Mamre; the field which Abraham had purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, with Sarah
11 his wife. And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac: and Isaac dwelt at Beer-lahai-roi.

Now this is the account of the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare to Abraham. And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, according to their names in their genealogies. Nebaioth the first-born of Ishmael; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsham, and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa, Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael, and these their names, according to their villages and their strongholds; twelve princes according to their nations. And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred and thirty-seven years: and he expired, and died, and was gathered to his people. And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, on the borders of Egypt, in the way to Assyria. In the presence of all his brethren *his lot fell*.

Now this is the account of the descendants of Isaac the son of Abraham.

Abraham begat Isaac. And Isaac was forty years old when he took for his wife Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian, of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife, because she was barren: and Jehovah heard his request, and Rebekah his wife conceived. But the children struggled together within her: and she said, "If it be so, why am I thus?" so she went to inquire of Jehovah. And Jehovah said to her,

"Two nations are in thy womb,
And two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels:
And *one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people:
And the elder shall be subject to the younger."

And when the time of her being delivered was come, lo, twins were in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; so they called his name Esau [COVERED, or HAIRY]. And after that came out his brother, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob [HE HOLDS THE HEEL]: and Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. And the boys grew: and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his venison; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

And Jacob was seething pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat, I pray thee, of that red, red *pottage*; for I am faint:" hence

31 was his name called Edom [RED]. And Jacob said, "Sell
32 me this day thy birth-right." And Esau said, "Lo, I am
about to die; and what will this birth-right profit me?"
33 And Jacob said, "Swear to me this day;" so he sware to
34 him; and sold his birth-right to Jacob. Then Jacob gave
Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he ate and drank,
and rose up, and went his way. Thus Esau despised the
birth-right.

1 CHAP. XXVI.—And there was a famine in the land,
beside the former famine in the days of Abraham. And
Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech, king of the Philistines.
2 For Jehovah had appeared to him, and said, "Go not down
3 into Egypt; dwell in the land of which I tell thee. Sojourn
in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee: for
to thee, and to thy seed, I will give all these lands; and
I will perform the oath which I sware to Abraham thy father.
4 And I will make thy seed as numerous as the stars of
heaven, and will give to thy seed all these lands; and in
5 thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: because
Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my com-
mandments, my statutes, and my laws."
6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. And the men of the place asked
him concerning his wife: and he said, "She is my sister:"
for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife;" "lest," said he,
"the men of the place should kill me on account of Re-
bekah;" because she was a beautiful woman. But it came to
pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech,
king of the Philistines, looked out at a window and saw, and
7 lo, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. And Abimelech
called Isaac, and said, "Lo, surely she is thy wife: and how
saidst thou, 'She is my sister?'" And Isaac said to him,
8 "Because I said, 'Lest I die for her.'" And Abimelech said,
9 "What is this thou hast done to us? one of the people might
readily have lain with thy wife, and thou wouldst have
10 brought guilt upon us." Then Abimelech charged all his
people, saying, "He that toucheth this man, or his wife,
shall surely be put to death."
11 And Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same
12 year a hundred-fold; for Jehovah blessed him. And the
man throve, and went on thriving until he became very
13 great: for he had possession of flocks, and possession of
herds, and a great number of servants; so that the Philis-

tines were jealous of him. And all the wells which his father's servants had digged, in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up, and filled them with earth. Abimelech therefore said to Isaac, "Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we." So Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

And Isaac digged again the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father (for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham): and he called them by the names by which his father had called them. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. And the herdmen of Gerar strove with Isaac's herdmen, saying, "The water is ours:" so he called the name of the well Esek [STRIFE]; because they strove with him. And they digged another well, and strove for that also: so he called the name of it Sitnah [ENMITY]. And he removed thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not; therefore he called the name of it Rehoboth [ROOM]; "For now," said he, "Jehovah hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." And he went up thence to Beer-sheba. And Jehovah appeared to him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham thy father; fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed, for the sake of my servant Abraham." So he built an altar there, and called upon the name of Jehovah, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phicol the captain of his army. And Isaac said to them, "Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?" And they said, "We have clearly seen that Jehovah is with thee: we say therefore, 'Let there be now an oath between us, between us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; that as we have not touched thee, and as we have done to thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace; so thou wilt do us no hurt now that thou art blessed by Jehovah.'" And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. And they arose early in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. Now it came to pass that day, that Isaac's servants came and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said to him, "We have found

33 water." So he called it Shebah [AN OATH] : therefore the
name of the city is Beer-sheba [THE WELL OF AN OATH] to
this day.

34 And Esau was forty years old when he took for wives
Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the
35 daughter of Elon the Hittite : who were a grief of mind to
Isaac and to Rebekah.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—Now it came to pass that when Isaac
was become old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not
see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said to him, " My
2 son ! " and he said to him, " Lo, here I am." And he
said, " Lo now, I am old, I know not the day of my death :
now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver
3 and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take for me
4 venison : and make me savoury meat, such as I love, and
bring it to me, that I may eat ; that I may bless thee before
I die."

5 And Rebekah heard Isaac when he spake to Esau his son.
And Esau went to the field to take venison, to bring to his
6 father. Then Rebekah spake to Jacob her son, saying, " Lo,
7 I heard thy father speak to Esau thy brother, saying, ' Bring
me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and
bless thee in the presence of Jehovah before my death.'
8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, according to that
9 which I command thee : go now to the flock, and fetch me
thence two kids of the goats ; and I will make of them
10 savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth : and thou
shalt take it to thy father, that he may eat, to the end that
11 he may bless thee before his death." But Jacob said to
Rebekah his mother, " Lo, Esau my brother is a hairy man,
12 and I am a smooth man : my father will perhaps feel me, and
I shall seem to him as a deceiver ; so shall I bring upon
13 myself a curse, and not a blessing." And his mother said
to him, " Upon me be thy curse, my son ; only obey my
14 voice, and go fetch me the kids." And he went, and fetched
and brought them to his mother : and his mother made savoury
meat, such as his father loved.

15 Then Rebekah took the choicest of the raiment of her
eldest son Esau, which she had by her in the house, and put
16 it upon Jacob her youngest son : and she put the skins of
the kids upon his hands, and upon the smooth part
17 of his neck : she then gave the savoury meat and the

bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. And he went to his father, and said, "My father!"¹⁸ And he said, "Here I am; who art thou, my son?" And¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau thy first-born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit up and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me." And²⁰ Isaac said to his son, "How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because Jehovah thy God put it in my way." And Isaac said to Jacob, "Come²¹ near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my son Esau himself or not." Then Jacob went near to Isaac²² his father; and he felt him, and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as the hands of his brother Esau: so he blessed him. And he said,²⁴ "Art thou my very son Esau?" and he said, "I am." And he said, "Bring it near to me, and let me eat of my²⁵ son's venison, that my soul may bless thee." And he brought it near to him, and he ate: and he brought him wine, and he drank. And his father Isaac said to him, "Come near now,²⁶ and kiss me, my son." And he came near, and kissed him:²⁷ and he smelled the fragrance of his raiment, and blessed him, and said,

"See! the fragrance of my son is as the fragrance of a field

Which Jehovah hath blessed:

So may God give thee of the dew of heaven,²⁸

And of the fatness of the earth,

And abundance of corn and wine:

May peoples serve thee,²⁹

And nations bow down to thee:

Mayest thou be lord over thy brethren,

And may thy mother's sons bow down to thee

Cursed be every one that curseth thee,

And blessed be he that blesseth thee."

Now when Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and³⁰ Jacob was yet scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. And³¹ he also made savoury meat, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me." And Isaac his father³² said to him, "Who art thou?" And he said, "I am thy son, thy first-born, Esau." And Isaac trembled very ex-³³

ceedingly, and said, "Who then is he that hath taken venison, and brought it to me, of all which I have eaten before thou camest? for I have blessed him, and blessed he
 34 must be." And when Esau heard the words of his father, he uttered a loud and exceedingly bitter cry, and said to his
 35 father, "Bless me, me also, O my father!" And *Isaac* said, "Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy
 36 blessing." And *Esau* said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob [SUPPLANTER]? for twice hath he supplanted me: he took away my birth-right; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing." And he said, "Hast thou not reserved a
 37 blessing for me?" And *Isaac* answered and said to *Esau*, "Lo, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; corn also and wine have I given to him for his support: and what can I do now for thee, my
 38 son?" And *Esau* said to his father, "Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, me also, O my father!" And
 39 *Esau* lifted up his voice and wept. And *Isaac* his father answered and said to him,

"Lo, thy dwelling shall be without the fatness of the earth,
 And without the dew of heaven from above;
 40 And by thy sword shalt thou live,
 And shalt serve thy brother:
 But a time shall come, when thou wilt have dominion,
 And break his yoke from off thy neck."

41 And *Esau* hated Jacob, because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him: and *Esau* said within himself, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand, then will
 42 I slay my brother Jacob." And these words of *Esau*, her elder son, were told to *Rebekah*. And she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Lo, thy brother *Esau*
 43 threatens to kill thee. Now, therefore, my son, obey my
 44 voice. Arise, flee to Haran, to Laban my brother; and tarry
 45 with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send and fetch thee thence. Why should I be deprived of you both in one day?"

46 Then *Rebekah* said to *Isaac*, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob were to take a wife from among the daughters of Heth, such as these *who are* of the daughters of the land, what would life be to me?"

CHAP. XXVIII.—So Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, 1
and charged him, and said to him, “Thou shalt not take a
wife from among the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Pa- 2
dan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother’s father, and
take thee a wife thence from among the daughters of Laban,
thy mother’s brother. And may God Almighty bless thee, 3
and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest
become an assembly of peoples; and may he give to thee the 4
blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that
thou mayest inherit the land in which thou sojournest, which
God gave to Abraham.” Thus Isaac sent away Jacob: and 5
he went to Padan-aram, to Laban, son of Bethuel the
Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and
of Esau.

And when Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent 6
him away to Padan-aram, to take thence a wife for himself;
and that, as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying,
“Thou shalt not take a wife from among the daughters of
Canaan;” and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, 7
and was gone to Padan-aram; also when Esau saw that the 8
daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; then Esau 9
went to Ishmael, and took for his wife (besides the wives
which he had) Mahalah the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham’s
son, the sister of Nebajoth.

And Jacob departed from Beer-sheba, and went towards 10
Haran. And he arrived at a certain place, and tarried there 11
all night, because the sun was set: and he took one of the
stones of that place, and put it for his pillow, and lay down
in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and lo, a ladder set 12
up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven:
and, lo, the angels of God were ascending and descending on
it. And lo, Jehovah stood above it, and said, “I am Jeho- 13
vah, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac:
the land on which thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy
seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth; and 14
thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to
the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed
shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And lo, I am 15
with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and
will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee,
until I have done that of which I have spoken to thee.” And 16
Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and said, “Surely Jehovah

17 is in this place, though I knew it not." And he was afraid, and said, "How dreadful is this place! this is nothing else than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

18 And Jacob arose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillow, and set it up as a pillar, and
19 poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Beth-el [HOUSE OF GOD]: but the name of
20 that city before, was Luz. And Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
21 so that I return to my father's house in peace; then Jchovah
22 shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth to thee."

1 CHAP. XXIX.—Then Jacob went on his journey, and
2 came into the land of the people of the east. And he looked, and, lo, a well in the field, and, lo, three flocks of sheep were lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. Now there was a great stone upon the mouth of
3 the well. And when all the flocks were assembled, they rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the mouth of the well, in its place.

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, whence are ye?"
5 And they said, "Of Haran are we." And he said to them, "Know ye Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said,
6 "We know him." And he said to them, "Is it well with him?" And they said, "It is well; and, lo, Rachel his
7 daughter cometh with the sheep." And he said to them, "Lo, it is yet full day, nor is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed
8 them." And they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are assembled, and they have rolled the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

9 And while he was yet speaking to them, Rachel came
10 with her father's sheep; for she kept them. Now when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well,
11 and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.
12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman,

and that he was Rebekah's son : and she ran and told her father. And when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his 13 sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. And Laban said to him, "Surely 14 thou art my own bone and my own flesh."

And when he had remained with him the space of a month, Laban said to Jacob, "Although thou be my kins- 15 man, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nothing? tell me, what shall be thy wages?" Now Laban had two 16 daughters : the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah was tender-eyed ; but 17 Rachel was beautiful and well-favoured. And Jacob loved 18 Rachel ; and said, "I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter." And Laban said, "It is better 19 that I should give her to thee, than that I should give her to any other man : abide with me." And Jacob served 20 seven years for Rachel ; and they seemed to him but single days, from the love he had for her.

And Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my 21 time is completed, that I may go in unto her." So Laban 22 gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening, he took Leah his daughter, and 23 brought her to him : and he went in unto her. And Laban 24 gave Zilpah his handmaid, to his daughter Leah, for a handmaid. And it came to pass in the morning that, lo, it was 25 Leah ; and he said to Laban, "What is this thou hast done to me? Did I not serve thee for Rachel? Why then hast thou deceived me?" And Laban said, "It must not be 26 so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born. Complete her week, and I will give thee this one 27 also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years." And Jacob did so, and completed 28 her week : and *Laban* gave him Rachel also his daughter for a wife. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, Bilhah 29 his handmaid, to be her handmaid. And *Jacob* went in 30 also unto Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

And when Jehovah saw that Leah was hated, he opened 31 her womb : but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, 32 and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben [*BEHOLD A SON :*] for she said, "Surely Jehovah hath beheld my affliction ; now, therefore, my husband will love me." And 33

she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, "Because Jehovah hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also:" and she called his name Simeon
 34 [HE HATH HEARD THE AFFLICTION]. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, "Now this time will my husband be bound to me, because I have borne to him three sons:" therefore his name was called Levi [A BOND].
 35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, "Now will I praise Jehovah:" therefore she called his name Judah [PRAISE]. She then ceased to bear.

1 CHAP. XXX.—And when Rachel saw that she bare no children to Jacob, Rachel envied her sister, and said to
 2 Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die." And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of
 3 the womb?" And she said, "Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and let her bear upon my knees, that I may
 4 also have children by her." So she gave him Bilhah her
 5 handmaid for a wife; and Jacob went in unto her. And
 6 Bilhah conceived, and bare to Jacob a son. And Rachel said, "God hath decided for me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son:" therefore she called his
 name Dan [HE HATH DECIDED]. And Bilhah, Rachel's
 7 handmaid, conceived again, and bare to Jacob a second son.
 8 And Rachel said, "With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed:" and she called his name Naphtali [MY WRESTLING].
 9 When Leah saw that she had ceased to bear, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob for a wife.
 10 And Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, bare to Jacob a son. And Leah said, "A troop cometh:" and she called his name
 12 Gad [A TROOP]. And Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, bare to
 13 Jacob a second son. And Leah said, "Happy am I, for women will call me happy:" so she called his name Asher [HAPPY].
 14 And Reuben went, in the days of wheat-harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Give me, I
 15 pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes." But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also?" And Rachel said, "Therefore he shall lie with thee to night

for thy son's mandrakes." And Jacob came out of the field ¹⁶ in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, "Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. And God hearkened to Leah, and she conceived, and bare ¹⁷ to Jacob a fifth son. And Leah said, "God hath given me ¹⁸ my reward, because I gave my handmaid to my husband:" so she called his name Issachar [A REWARD IS HE]. And ¹⁹ Leah conceived again, and bare to Jacob a sixth son. And ²⁰ Leah said, "God hath given me a good gift: now will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons:" so she called his name Zebulun [A DWELLING]. And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name ²¹ Dinah [JUDGEMENT].

And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, ²² and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son; ²³ and said, "God hath taken away my reproach:" and she ²⁴ called his name Joseph [MAY HE ADD]; saying; "May Jehovah add to me another son!"

Now it came to pass when Rachel had borne Joseph, that ²⁵ Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my own country. Give me my wives for ²⁶ whom I have served thee, and my children, and let me go: for thou knowest what service I have done thee." And ²⁷ Laban said to him, "If I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry*: for I have learned by experience that Jehovah hath blessed me for thy sake." He also said, "Fix thine hire ²⁸ with me, and I will give it." And Jacob said to him, ²⁹ "Thou knowest how I have served thee, and what thy cattle has become with me. For it was little which thou hadst ³⁰ before I *came*, but it is *now* greatly increased; and Jehovah hath blessed thee since my coming: and now, when shall I provide for my own house also?" And he said, "What ³¹ shall I give thee?" And Jacob said, "Thou shalt not give me any thing. If thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock: Let me pass through all ³² thy flock to-day, removing thence all the speckled and spotted and all the brown among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *such* shall be my hire. So shall my integrity answer for me on a ³³ future day, when thou shalt come to inspect my hire: every one that is not speckled and spotted amongst the goats, and brown amongst the sheep, that shall be

34 counted stolen with me." And Laban said, "Lo ! be it according to thy word."

35 And he removed that day the he-goats, that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, (all that had any white in them,) and all the brown amongst the sheep, and gave them into the
36 hand of his sons. And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob : and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's
37 flocks. And Jacob took rods of fresh poplar, and of the almond and plane-tree ; and peeled white streaks in them,
38 and made bare the white which was in the rods. And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the troughs at the watering places, when the flocks came to
39 drink : for they coupled when they came to drink. And the flocks coupled before the rods, and brought forth ring-
40 streaked, speckled, and spotted. And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks towards the ring-streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban ; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not to Laban's cattle.

41 And whenever the stronger flocks were coupling, Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flocks in the troughs,
42 that they might couple among the rods : but when the flocks were feeble he put them not in : so the feebler were
43 Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. And the man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

1 CHAP. XXXI.—But *Jacob* heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "*Jacob* hath taken away all that was our father's ; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten
2 all this wealth." And *Jacob* beheld the countenance of
3 Laban, and, lo ! it was not towards him as before. And *Jehovah* said to *Jacob*, "Return to the land of thy fathers,
4 and to thy kindred ; and I will be with thee." And *Jacob* sent and called *Rachel* and *Leah* to the field, unto his flock,
5 and said to them, "I see your father's countenance, that it is not towards me as before : but the God of my father hath
6 been with me. Now ye know, that with all my power I
7 have served your father. Yet your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times : but God suffered him
8 not to hurt me. If he said thus, 'The speckled shall be thy wages ;' then all the flocks bare speckled : and if he

said thus, 'The ring-streaked shall be thy hire;' then all the flocks bare ring-streaked. Thus God hath taken away 9 the substance of your father, and given it to me. For it 10 came to pass at the time that the flocks were coupling, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, lo, the he-goats which leaped upon the flocks were ring-streaked, speckled, and spotted. And the angel of God spake to me 11 in a dream, *saying*, 'Jacob:?' and I said, 'Here I *am*.' And 12 he said, 'Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the he-goats which leap upon the flocks are ring-streaked, speckled, and spotted: for I have seen all that Laban doeth to thee. I 13 am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst a pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow to me: now therefore arise, go from this land, and return to the land of thy kindred.'" And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, 14 "Have we yet had any portion or inheritance in our father's house? Have we not been accounted by him as aliens? 15 for he hath sold us, and hath also quite devoured our price. Since all the riches which God hath taken from our father, 16 are ours, and our children's, do now whatsoever God hath said to thee."

Then Jacob arose, and set his sons and his wives upon 17 camels; and he carried away all his cattle, and all his sub- 18 stance which he had acquired, the cattle which he possessed, which he had acquired in Padan-aram, to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. Now Laban had gone to 19 shear his sheep: and Rachel stole her father's images. And 20 Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, for he told him not that he fled. So he fled with all that he had; and 21 passed over the river and set his face towards mount Gilead. And it was told Laban on the third day, that Jacob had 22 fled. And he took his brethren with him, and pursued 23 him a journey of seven days, and they overtook him on mount Gilead. Now God had come to Laban the Syrian in 24 a dream by night, and had said to him, "Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

When Laban overtook Jacob, Jacob had pitched his tent 25 on the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched on mount Gilead. And Laban said to Jacob, "What hast 26 thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters as captives *taken* with the sword? Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal 27 away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have

sent thee away with mirth and with songs, and with tabret
 28 and with harp? Thou hast not even suffered me to kiss
 my sons and my daughters. Thou hast now done foolishly
 29 in so doing. It is in my power to do you hurt: but the
 God of your father spake to me yesternight, saying, 'Take
 heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.'
 30 And now, though thou wast resolved to go, because thou
 greatly longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast
 31 thou stolen my gods?" And Jacob answered and said to
 Laban, "Because I was afraid: for I said that peradventure
 32 thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. With
 whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before
 our brethren, discern thou what is thine with me, and take
 it to thee." For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen
 them.

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent,
 and into the tents of both the handmaids; but he found
them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered
 34 into the tent of Rachel. Now Rachel had taken the
 images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon
 them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them
 35 not. And she said to her father, "Let it not displease my
 lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of
 women is upon me." Thus he searched, but found not the
 images.

36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob
 answered and said to Laban, "What is my trespass, what is
 37 my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? Now
 that thou hast searched all my furniture, what hast thou
 found of all the furniture of thy house? set it here before
 my brethren and thy brethren, and let them judge between
 38 us both. These twenty years have I been with thee; thy
 ewes and thy goats have not cast their young, nor have
 39 I eaten the rams of thy flock. That which was torn
 I brought not to thee; I bare the loss of it: of my
 hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or
 40 stolen by night. Thus I was; by day the drought con-
 sumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed
 41 from mine eyes. Thus have I been twenty years in thy
 house: I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters,
 and six years for thy cattle: and ten times thou hast
 42 changed my wages. Unless the God of my father, the God
 of Abraham, and he whom Isaac feareth, had been with me,

surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. My afflictions and the labours of my hands God hath seen; therefore he rebuked thee yesternight."

And Laban answered and said to Jacob, "These ⁴³ daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these flocks are my flocks, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children which they have borne? Now, therefore, come thou, and let us make a covenant, I ⁴⁴ and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee." And Jacob took a stone, and set it up *for* a pillar. And ⁴⁵ Jacob said to his brethren, "Gather stones:" so they took stones, and made a heap; and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha; but Jacob ⁴⁷ called it Galced. For Laban had said, "Let this heap be a ⁴⁸ witness between me and thee this day." Therefore was the name of it called Galced [WITNESS-HEAP]; and Mizpah ⁴⁹ [WATCH-TOWER]: for he said, "Jehovah watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. If ⁵⁰ thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness between me and thee." And Laban said to Jacob, ⁵¹ "Lo, this heap, and lo, the pillar, which I have raised between me and thee; let this heap be a witness, and the ⁵² pillar be a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou wilt not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. The God of Abraham, and the God ⁵³ of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." And Jacob swore by *Him* whom his father Isaac feared.

Then Jacob offered sacrifice on the mount, and called his ⁵⁴ brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night on the mount. And early in the morning Laban ⁵⁵ arose, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned to his own place.

CHAP. XXXII.—And Jacob went on his way, and ¹ angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he ² said, "This is the camp of God:" and he called the name of that place Mahanaim [THE TWO CAMPS].

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his ³ brother, unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom, and ⁴ commanded them, saying, "Thus shall ye speak to my lord Esau; 'Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned

5 with Laban, and stayed there until now: and I have oxen, and asses, and flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favour in thy sight.'” And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We went to thy brother Esau, and, lo! he is now coming to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.”

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies; for he said, “If Esau come to one company and smite it, then the other company which is left may escape.” And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Jehovah, who saidst to me, ‘Return to thy own land, and to thy own kindred, and I will deal well with thee.’ I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the faithfulness which thou hast shewn to thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two companies. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, the mother with the children. Yet thou hast said, ‘I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’”

13 And he lodged there that night; and took of that which he had with him a present for Esau his brother; two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats; two hundred ewes and twenty rams; thirty milch-camels with their colts; forty heifers, and ten steers; twenty she-asses, and ten foals. And he gave them in charge to his servants, each drove by itself; and he said to his servants, “Pass over before me, and put a space between drove and drove.” And he commanded the foremost, saying, “When Esau my brother shall meet thee, and shall ask thee, saying, ‘Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?’ then thou shalt say, ‘They are thy servant Jacob’s; it is a present sent to my lord Esau: and, lo, he also is behind us.’” And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, “After this manner shall ye speak to Esau, when ye meet him. And ye shall moreover, say, ‘Lo, thy servant Jacob is behind us.’” For he said, “I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face;

peradventure he will receive me kindly." So the present 21
passed over before him; but he himself lodged that night
in the company.

And he arose that night, and took his two wives, and his 22
two handmaids, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford
of the Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the 23
brook, he also sent over *all* that he had. And Jacob was 24
left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the
breaking of the day: and when *the man* saw that he pre- 25
vailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh;
and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he wrestled
with him. And *the man* said, "Let me go, for the day 26
breaketh." But *Jacob* said, "I will not let thee go, except
thou bless me." And he said to him, "What is thy 27
name?" And he said, "Jacob." And he said, "Thy 28
name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel [HE CON-
TENDETH WITH GOD]: for thou hast contended with God
and with men, and hast prevailed. Then Jacob asked, and 29
said, "Tell me, I pray thee, thy name." And he said,
"Wherefore dost thou ask after my name?" And he
blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the 30
place Peniel [THE FACE OF GOD]: "for I have seen God
face to face, yet my life is preserved."

And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and 31
he halted upon his thigh. Therefore the children of Israel 32
eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow
of the thigh unto this day: because he touched the hollow
of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.—And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and 1
looked, and, lo, Esau was coming, and with him four hun-
dred men. And he distributed the children to Leah, and to
Rachel, and to the two handmaids. And he put the hand- 2
maids and their children foremost, and Leah and her chil-
dren after them, and Rachel and Joseph after these. He 3
then passed on before them, and bowed himself to the
ground seven times, till he came near to his brother. But 4
Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his
neck, and kissed him: and they wept. And *Esau* lifted up 5
his eyes, and saw the women and the children, and said,
"Who are these with thee?" And he said, "The children
whom God hath graciously given to thy servant." Then 6
the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they

7 bowed themselves. And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and afterwards Joseph with
8 Rachel, and they bowed themselves. And *Esau* said, "What meanest thou by all that drove which I met?" And he said,
9 "To obtain favour in the sight of my lord." And *Esau* said, "I have enough, my brother; keep to thyself that
10 which thou hast." And *Jacob* said, "Nay, I pray thee; if now I have found favour in thy sight, receive my present
11 from my hand: since I have appeared before thee, as though I had appeared before God, that thou mightest be
favourable to me. Take, I pray thee, my blessing which is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have every thing." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

12 Then *Esau* said, "Let us proceed on our journey, and I will
13 go with thee." But *Jacob* said to him, "My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and flocks and herds with
their young are with me; and if they should overdrive
14 them one day, the whole flock would die. Let my lord, I pray thee, pass on before his servant; and I will lead on gently
at the pace of the cattle before me and at the pace of the
15 children, until I come to my lord unto *Scir*." And *Esau* said, "Let me then leave with thee some of the men who are with
me." And he said, "Wherefore this? let me find favour in
16 the sight of my lord." So *Esau* returned that day on his way to *Scir*.

17 And *Jacob* journeyed to *Succoth*, and built for himself a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of
18 the place is called *Succoth* [BOOTHIS]. And *Jacob* came in safety, on his return from *Padan-aram* to the city of *Shechem*, in the land of *Canaan*; and pitched his tent near the city.
19 And he bought that part of the field, where he had pitched his tent, of the children of *Hamor*, the father of *Shechem*,
20 for a hundred pieces of money. And he set up there an altar, and called it *El-elohe-Israel* [GOD THE GOD OF ISRAEL].

1 CHAP. XXXIV.—Now *Dinah* the daughter of *Leah*, whom she bare to *Jacob*, went out to see the daughters of
2 the land. And when *Shechem* the son of *Hamor* the *Hivite*, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay
3 with her, and humbled her. And his soul clave to *Dinah* the daughter of *Jacob*; and he loved the damsel, and spake
4 kindly to the damsel. And *Shechem* spake to his father

Hamor, saying, "Get me this damsel for a wife." Now ⁵ Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: but his sons were with his cattle in the fields, so Jacob was silent until they should come.

Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob ⁶ to commune with him. And the sons of Jacob came out of ⁷ the field when they heard *what had happened*: and the men were grieved, and were greatly enraged, because he had done wickedly against Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to have been done. And Hamor ⁸ communed with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her to him for a wife. And make ye marriages with us; give your ⁹ daughters to us, and take our daughters to you. So ye shall ¹⁰ dwell with us, and the land shall be before you: dwell and trade ye therein, and get therein possessions for yourselves." And Shechem said to her father, and to her brethren, "Let ¹¹ me find favour in your eyes, and what ye shall say to me I will give. Ask of me the largest dowry and gifts, and I ¹² will give according as ye shall say to me: only give me the damsel for a wife."

But the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his ¹³ father deceitfully, because *Shechem* had defiled Dinah their sister; and they spake and said to them, "We cannot do ¹⁴ this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised; for that would be a reproach to us: but on this *condition* ¹⁵ we will assent to you: If ye will be as we are, so that every male of you be circumcised, then will we give our daughters ¹⁶ to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and become one people. But if ye will not ¹⁷ hearken to us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and be gone." And their words pleased Hamor, ¹⁸ and Shechem Hamor's son. And the young man delayed ¹⁹ not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was the most honourable of all the house of his father. Then Hamor and Shechem his son went to the gate ²⁰ of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, "These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them ²¹ dwell in the land, and trade therein; for, lo! the land is large enough for them: let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give to them our daughters. But on this ²² *condition* only will the men consent to dwell with us, so as to be one people, that every male among us be circumcised,

23 as they are circumcised. Shall not their cattle, and their substance, and every beast of theirs, be ours? only let us assent
 24 to them, that they may dwell with us." And to Hamor and to Shechem his son all that went out of the gate of the city hearkened: and every male was circumcised, all that went
 25 out of the gate of the city. But on the third day, when they were sore, two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came without fear
 26 upon the city, and slew all the males. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and
 27 took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went away. The sons of Jacob then came upon the slain, and plundered the
 28 city, because they had defiled their sister. They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, both those that were in
 29 the city, and those that were in the field, and all their wealth; and all their little ones, and their wives, they took captive, and plundered even all that was in their houses.
 30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "Ye have troubled me, by making me abominable among the inhabitants of the land, amongst the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they will gather themselves together against me, and slay me; thus I shall be destroyed, I and my
 31 house." And they said, "Should he have treated our sister as a harlot?"

1 CHAP. XXXV.—And God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there; and make there an altar to God, who appeared to thee when thou fleddest from the face of
 2 Esau thy brother." Then Jacob said to his household, and to all who were with him, "Put away the strange gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your
 3 garments: and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; that I may make there an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I
 4 went." So they gave to Jacob all the strange gods which they had, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob
 5 hid them under the terebinth-tree by Shechem. And they journeyed: and a great terror was upon the cities around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.
 6 So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Beth-el), in the land of
 7 Canaan, he, and all the people that were with him. And he built there an altar, and called the place Beth-el [HOUSE OF GOD]; because there God had appeared to him, when he

fled from the face of his brother. Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and was buried below Beth-el, under a terebinth-tree: and the name of it was called Alon-bachuth [TEREBINTH-TREE OF MOURNING].

And God appeared to Jacob again, when he had come out of Padan-aran, and blessed him. And God said to him, 10 "Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name:" so he called his name Israel. And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be 11 fruitful and multiply: a nation, and a company of nations, shall come from thee; and kings shall proceed from thy loins: and the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, to 12 thee I will give it; and to thy seed after thee will I give the land." And God went up from him at the place where he 13 had talked with him. And Jacob set up a pillar in the 14 place where he had talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured upon it a drink-offering, and he poured upon it oil. And Jacob called the name of the place, where God 15 spake with him, Beth-el.

And they journeyed from Beth-el; and when there was 16 but a little way to come to Ephrath, Rachel fell in labour, and had hard labour. And it came to pass whilst she was in 17 hard labour, that the midwife said to her, "Fear not; for this also is a son for thee." And when her soul was depart- 18 ing (for she died), she called his name Ben-oni [SON OF MY SORROW]; but his father called him Ben-jamin [SON OF THE RIGHT HAND]. Thus Rachel died, and was buried in the 19 way to Ephrath, which is now Bethlehem. And Jacob set a 20 pillar upon her grave, which is called The Pillar of Rachel's grave, to this day. And Israel journeyed, and pitched his 21 tent beyond Migdol Eder. And it came to pass whilst Israel 22 dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: the sons of Leah; 23 Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: the sons of Rachel; Joseph, and 24 Benjamin: and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; 25 Dan, and Naphtali: and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's hand- 26 maid; Gad, and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Padan-aran.

And Jacob came to Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto 27 Kirjath-Arbah (which is Hebron) where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. And the days of Isaac were a hundred 28

29 and eighty years. And Isaac expired and died, and was gathered unto his people, when old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

1 CHAP. XXXVI.—Now this is the account of the descendants of Esau, who is *also called* Edom.

2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. And Adah bare to Esau, Eliphaz; and Basemath bare Reuel. 5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau, who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his flocks, and all his herds, and all his substance, which he had gotten in the land of Canaan, and went into *another* land from the face of his brother Jacob: for their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were 8 strangers could not bear them because of their cattle. Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir. Esau is *also called* Edom.

9 This is the account of the descendants of Esau the father of the Edomites, in mount Seir.

10 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau; Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, 11 Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz, Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz, Amalek: 12 these were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. And these were the sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: 13 these were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife; and she bare to Esau, 14 Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 These were princes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz, the first-born *son* of Esau; prince Teman, prince Omar, prince Zepho, prince Kenaz, prince Korah, prince Gatam, *and* prince Amalek. These were the princes *who sprung* from Eliphaz in the land of Edom: these were the sons of Adah.

17 And these were the sons of Reuel, Esau's son; prince Nahath, prince Zerah, prince Shammah, prince Mizzah.

These were the princes *who sprung* from Reuel in the land of Edom: these were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.

And these were the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife; 18 prince Jeush, prince Jaalam, prince Korah: these were the princes *who sprung* from Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. These were the sons of Esau, who is *also* 19 *called* Edom, and these were their princes.

These were the sons of Seir the Horite, who *first* inha- 20 bited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These were the princes 21 of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom. And 22 the sons of Lotan were Hori and Heman: and Lotan's sister was Timna. And the sons of Shobal were these; 23 Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. And 24 these were the sons of Zibeon; Ajah and Anah: this was that Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. And the children of 25 Anah were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. And these were the sons of Dishon; Hemdan, and 26 Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. The sons of Ezer were 27 these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. The sons of Dishan 28 were these; Uz, and Aran. These were the princes of 29 the Horites; prince Lotan, prince Shobal, prince Zibeon, prince Anah, prince Dishon, prince Ezer, prince Dishan. 30 These were the princes of the Horites, among their princes in the land of Seir.

Now these were the kings who reigned in the land of 31 Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. Bela, the son of Beor, reigned in Edom: and 32 the name of his city was Dinhabah. And Bela died; and 33 Jobab, the son of Zerah of Bozrah, reigned in his stead. And Jobab died; and Husham of the land of the Temanites 34 reigned in his stead. And Husham died; and Hadad, the 35 son of Bedad, who smote the Midianites in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Avith. And Hadad died; and Samlah of Masrekah reigned 36 in his stead. And Samlah died; and Saul of Rehoboth on 37 the river reigned in his stead. And Saul died; and Baal- 38 hanan, the son of Achbor, reigned in his stead. And Baal- 39 hanan, the son of Achbor, died; and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these were the names of the princes *who sprung* from Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their
 41 names; prince Timnah, prince Alvah, prince Jetheth, prince
 42 Aholibamah, prince Elah, prince Pinon, prince Kenaz, prince
 43 Teman, prince Mibzar, prince Magdiel, prince Iram: these were the princes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: *Edom is also called Esau*, the father of the Edomites.

1 CHAP. XXXVII.—And Jacob dwelt in the land in which his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

2 This is the account of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, when seventeen years old, was feeding the flocks with his brethren; and being a youth, he was with the sons of Billhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father an evil report of them.

3 For Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of *his* old age: and he made him a coat of
 4 many colours. So when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren;
 6 and they hated him yet the more. And he said to them, "Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:
 7 for, lo, we were binding sheaves in the field, when, lo! my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, lo, your sheaves
 8 stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf." And his brethren said to him, "Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?" And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his sayings.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, "Lo, I have dreamed another dream; for,
 lo, the sun, and the moon, and eleven stars, made obeisance
 10 to me." And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall we indeed come, I, and thy mother, and thy brethren, to bow ourselves down to
 11 the earth to thee?" And his brethren were jealous of him; but his father observed the saying.

12 Now his brethren went to feed their father's flock in
 13 Shechem; and Israel said to Joseph, "Do not thy brethren feed *the flocks* in Shechem? come, and I will send thee to
 14 them." And he said to him, "Here *am I*." And he said

to him, "Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again." So he sent him from the vale of Hebron, and he went to Shechem. And a man found him, and lo, 15 he was wandering in the fields: and the man asked him, saying, "What seekest thou?" And he said, "I seek 16 my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*." And the man answered, "They are departed 17 hence; for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" Then Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. And they saw him afar off; and before he came 18 near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him, and said one to another, "Lo, this dreamer cometh. Come 20 now, therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit; and let us say, 'Some evil beast hath devoured him:' we shall then see what will become of his dreams." But Reuben heard this, and delivered him out of their hands, 21 and said, "Let us not kill him." Again Reuben said to 22 them, "Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him," that he might deliver him out of their hands, and send him back to his father. And it came to pass when Joseph was come to his 23 brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colours that was on him, and they took him, and cast 24 him into a pit; and the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

And they sat down to eat bread, and they lifted up their 25 eyes, and looked, and, lo, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing storax and balm and ladanum, which they were going to carry down to Egypt. And Judah said to his brethren, "What profit would it be 26 if we should slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, 27 and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh." And his brethren assented; and as the Midianite merchants were 28 then passing by, they drew up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites; and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

And Reuben returned to the pit; and, lo, Joseph was not 29 in the pit; and he rent his clothes, and returned to his brethren, and said, "The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?" Then they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid, and dipped 31 the coat in the blood; and they sent the coat of many 32

colours, and brought it to their father, and said, "This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or not."
 33 And he knew it, and said, "My son's coat! a wild beast
 34 hath devoured him: torn, torn in pieces, is Joseph!" And
 Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and
 35 mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all
 his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be
 comforted; and he said, "For I will go down to my son
 mourning, to the grave." Thus his father wept for him.
 36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt, to Potiphar, an
 officer of Pharaoh's, captain of the guard.

1 CHAP. XXXVIII.—Now it came to pass at that time,
 that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to
 2 a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. And Judah
 saw there a daughter of a Canaanite, whose name was
 3 Shuah; and he took her, and went in to her. And she
 conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Er.
 4 And she conceived again, and bare a son, and she called his
 5 name Onan. And she yet again conceived, and bare a son;
 and called his name Shelah: now *Judah* was at Chezib when
 she bare him.

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name
 7 was Tamar. But Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the
 8 sight of Jehovah; and Jehovah slew him. Judah therefore
 said to Onan, "Go in to thy brother's wife and do the duty
 of a husband's brother to her, and raise up seed to thy bro-
 9 ther." But Onan knowing that the seed would not be his
 own, whenever he went in to his brother's wife, spilled it on
 10 the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. And
 the thing which he did displeased Jehovah; wherefore he
 11 slew him also. Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-
 law, "Remain a widow at thy father's house till Shelah my
 son be grown:" for he said, "Lest peradventure he also die,
 as his brethren *died*." So Tamar went and dwelt in her
 father's house.

12 And after many days the daughter of Shuah, Judah's wife,
 died; and Judah having consoled himself went up to his
 sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adul-
 13 lamite. And one told Tamar, saying, "Lo, thy father-in-
 14 law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep." So she put off
 the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with a
 veil, and wrapped herself up, and sat near the entrance of

Enaim, which is on the way to Timnath: for she saw that though Shelah was grown, she was not given to him for a wife. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; 15 because she had covered her face. And he turned aside to 16 her by the way, and said, "Let me, I pray thee, come in unto thee;" for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?" And he said, "I will send *thee* 17 a kid from the flock." And she said, "Wilt thou give *me* a pledge till thou send *it*?" And he said, "What pledge shall 18 I give thee?" And she said, "Thy signet, and thy ribband and the staff which is in thy hand." So he gave them to her, and went in unto her; and she conceived by him. Then she 19 arose and went away, and laid aside her veil, and put on the garments of her widowhood. And Judah sent the kid by 20 the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman; but he found her not. Then he asked 21 the men of that place, saying, "Where is the harlot, who was at Enaim by the way-side?" And they said, "There was no harlot here." And he returned to Judah, and said, "I 22 cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there had been no harlot there." And Judah said, "Let 23 her keep *what she hath gotten*, lest we be shamed: lo, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her."

Now it came to pass about three months after, that one 24 told Judah, saying, "Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and moreover, lo, she is with child through harlotry. And Judah said, "Bring her forth, and let her be burnt." When she was brought forth, she sent to her 25 father-in-law, saying, "By the man whose these are, am I with child: Discern," said she, "I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and ribband, and staff." And Judah acknowledged 26 them, and said, "She hath been more righteous than I; since I gave her not to Shelah my son." But he knew her again no more.

And it came to pass in the time of her labour that, lo, twins 27 were in her womb. And while she was in labour, *one of them* 28 put out his hand; and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, "This came out first." And 29 it came to pass as he drew back his hand, lo, his brother came out; and she said, "How hast thou broken forth? *this* breach be upon thee:" therefore his name was called Pharez [BREACH]. And afterward came out his brother, who had 30

the scarlet thread about his hand ; and his name was called Zarah [RISING].

1 CHAP. XXXIX.—And Joseph was brought down to
Egypt ; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the
guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the Ishmaelites, who had
2 brought him down thither. And Jehovah was with Joseph, so
that he was a prosperous man ; and he was in the house of his
3 master the Egyptian. For his master saw that Jehovah was with
him, and that Jehovah made all that he did to prosper in his
4 hand. And Joseph found favour in his sight, and he served
him, and he made him the overseer of his house, and all that
5 he had he put into his hand. And from the time *that* he had
made him the overseer of his house, and of all that he had,
Jehovah blessed the house of the Egyptian for Joseph's
sake ; and the blessing of Jehovah was upon all that he had
6 in the house, and in the field. So he left all that he had in
Joseph's hand ; and knew not anything which was under
his care, except the food which he ate.

Now Joseph was beautiful in form, and beautiful in coun-
7 tenance. And it came to pass after these things, that his
master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph ; and she said, " Lie
8 with me." But he refused ; and said to his master's wife,
" Lo, my master knoweth not that which is under my care
in the house, but he hath committed all that he hath to my
9 hand : he is not greater in this house than I ; nor hath he
kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his
wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin
10 against God ?" And though she spake to Joseph day by
day, he hearkened not to her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her.
11 And it came to pass about this time that *Joseph* went into
the house to do his business ; and none of the men of
12 the house were within ; and she caught him by his garment,
saying, " Lie with me : " but he left his garment in her
13 hand, and fled, and went away. And when she saw that he
had left his garment in her hand, and had fled and gone
14 away, she called to the men of her house, and spake to
them, saying, " See, he hath brought in a Hebrew to us to
insult us ; he came in unto me to lie with me, but I cried
15 with a loud voice : and when he heard that I lifted up my
voice and cried, he left his garment with me, and fled, and
16 went away." And she laid up his garment by her, until his
17 master came home. And she spake to him according to

these words, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in to me to insult me; but when I ¹⁸ lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment with me, and fled and went away." And it came to pass when his ¹⁹ master had heard the words of his wife, which she spake to him, saying, "After this manner did thy servant to me," that his wrath was kindled; and Joseph's master took him, ²⁰ and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were bound; and he was there in the prison. But ²¹ Jehovah was with Joseph, and shewed him kindness, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison, so ²² that the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison; and of all that they did there, he was the doer. The keeper of the prison ²³ looked not to any thing that was under his care; because Jehovah was with him; and all that he did, Jehovah made to prosper.

CHAP. XL.—And it came to pass after these things, that ¹ the butler of the king of Egypt, and the baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was wroth ² against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. And he put them into ³ custody in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound; and the captain ⁴ of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them. Now when they had been some time in custody, they both ⁵ dreamed a dream, each his dream in one night, each according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison. And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and saw that ⁶ they were troubled. And he asked the officers of Pharaoh ⁷ who were with him in custody in his master's house, saying, "Why are your countenances sad to-day?" And they said ⁸ to him, "We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me *your dreams*, I pray you."

Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said ⁹ to him, "In my dream, lo, a vine *was* before me; and on ¹⁰ the vine were three branches, and it seemed to bud; its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters ripened into grapes. And the cup of Pharaoh was in my hand; and I took the ¹¹ grapes, and pressed them into the cup of Pharaoh, and I

12 gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand." Then Joseph said to him, "This is the interpretation of it: The three branches
13 are three days. Three days hence Pharaoh will lift up thy head, and restore thee to thy place; and thou shalt deliver the cup of Pharaoh into his hand, as thou didst formerly
14 when thou wast his butler. But think on me when it shall be well with thyself, and shew kindness, I pray thee, to me; and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of
15 this house: for I was secretly stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; and here also I have done nothing for which
16 they should put me into a dungeon." When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favourable, he said to Joseph, "I also had my dream, and, lo, three wicker baskets
17 were on my head, and in the uppermost basket were all sorts of pastry work for Pharaoh's eating; and the birds ate them
18 out of the basket upon my head." And Joseph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets
19 are three days. Three days hence Pharaoh will lift up thy head from off thee, and will hang thee on a tree; and the birds will eat thy flesh from off thee."

20 And it came to pass on the third day, the birth-day of Pharaoh, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker
21 among his servants. And he restored the chief butler to his butlership, and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand; but the chief baker he hanged, as Joseph had interpreted to
22 them. Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

1 CHAP. XLI.—And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed; and, lo, he was standing by
2 the River; when, lo, there came up out of the River seven
3 heifers, beautiful and fat; and they fed on the sedge. And, lo, seven other heifers came up after them out of the River,
4 ugly, and lean; and stood by the *other* heifers on the bank of the River. And the ugly and lean heifers devoured the
5 seven beautiful and fat heifers. Then Pharaoh awoke. And he slept, and dreamed a second time: and, lo, seven ears of
6 corn came up upon one stalk, large and good. And, lo, seven *other* ears, thin and blasted by the east wind, sprung
7 up after them. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven large and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, lo, it was a dream.

And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was 8 troubled ; and he sent and called for all the magicians, and all the wise men of Egypt ; and Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them to Pharaoh. Then spake 9 the chief butler to Pharaoh, saying, " I remember my fault this day. Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me 10 into custody in the captain of the guard's house, and the chief baker with me. And we dreamed a dream in one night, 11 I and he ; we dreamed each of us according to the interpretation of his dream. Now *there was* with us there a young 12 man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard ; and we told our dreams to him, and he interpreted them to us : to each man according to his dream he interpreted. And it 13 came to pass that as he interpreted to us so it was : me he restored to my office, and him he hanged."

Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they brought 14 him hastily out of the dungeon : and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and went in to Pharaoh. And Pha- 15 raoh said to Joseph, " I have dreamed a dream, and no one can interpret it : but I have heard it said of thee, that on hearing a dream thou canst interpret it : " and Joseph an- 16 swered Pharaoh, saying, " No one without God can give to Pharaoh an answer of peace." Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 17 " In my dream, lo, I was standing on the bank of the River. When, lo, there came up out of the River seven heifers, fat 18 and beautiful ; and they fed on the sedge. And, lo, seven 19 other heifers came up after them, poor, and very ugly, and lean, such as I had never seen in all the land of Egypt for badness : and the lean and ugly heifers devoured the first 20 seven fat heifers ; and when they had swallowed them, it 21 could not be known that they had swallowed them ; but they were still ugly, as at the first. So I awoke. Again I 22 saw in my dream, that, lo, seven ears came up on one stalk, full and good : and, lo, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted 23 by the east wind, sprang up after them : and the thin ears 24 devoured the seven good ears. And I told this to the magicians ; but no one could explain it to me."

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, " The dream of Pharaoh is 25 one ; what God is about to do, he maketh known to Pharaoh. The seven good heifers are seven years ; and the 26 seven good ears are seven years ; the dream is one. And 27 the seven lean and ugly heifers, that came up after them, are seven years ; and the seven empty ears blasted by the

28 east wind, will be seven years of famine. This is what I
 said to Pharaoh: what God is about to do he sheweth to
 29 Pharaoh. Lo, seven years of great plenty throughout all
 30 the land of Egypt are coming; and seven years of famine
 will arise after them; and all the plenty shall be forgotten
 in the land of Egypt; for the famine will consume the
 31 land; and the plenty will be no more remembered in the
 land on account of the succeeding famine; for it will be
 32 very grievous. And as to the dream being doubled to Pharaoh;
 it is because the thing is determined by God, and God
 33 is hastening to do it. Now, therefore, let Pharaoh look out
 for a man intelligent and wise, and set him over the land of
 34 Egypt. Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him *also* appoint officers
 over the land, and take up the fifth part of *the produce*
 of the land of Egypt during the seven years of plenty.
 35 And let them gather all the food of those good years which
 are coming, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, for
 36 food in the cities, and preserve it, that the food may be in
 store for the land against the seven years of famine, which
 shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not
 through the famine."

37 And the speech pleased Pharaoh, and all his servants.
 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such *a one*
 39 as this, a man in whom is the spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh
 said to Joseph, "Since God hath shewed thee all this, no
 40 one is so intelligent and wise as thyself: thou shalt be over
 my house, and according to thy word shall all my people
 be ruled; in the throne only will I be greater than thou."
 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set thee over all
 42 the land of Egypt." And Pharaoh took his ring from off
 his own hand, and put it on the hand of Joseph, and arrayed
 him in robes of fine linen, and put a chain of gold about
 43 his neck, and made him to ride in the second chariot which
 he had; whilst one cried before him, ABREK [BOW THE
 KNEE]: thus he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.
 44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without
 thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of
 45 Egypt." And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-
 paaneah; and he gave him for a wife Asenath, the daughter
 of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over
 46 *all* the land of Egypt, and Joseph was thirty years old when
 he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went
 out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the

land of Egypt. And during the seven years of plenty the 47
earth brought forth by handfuls. And he gathered together 48
all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of
Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the
fields around every city he laid up in that *city*. Thus Joseph 49
gathered corn as the sand of the sea, so very much, that he
ceased to number it; for it was without number.

Now to Joseph, before the years of famine came, were 50
born two sons, which Asenath, the daughter of Poti-pherah
priest of On, bare to him. And Joseph called the name of 51
the first-born Manassch [CAUSING TO FORGET]: "For God,
said he, hath made me forget all my trouble, and all my
father's house." And the name of the second he called 52
Ephraim [FRUITFUL]: "For God, *said he*, hath caused me
to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

The seven years of plenty that was in the land of Egypt 53
were now ended, and the seven years of famine had begun 54
to come, as Joseph had said, and the famine was in all *other*
lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was food. And 55
when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried
to Pharaoh for food; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians,
"Go to Joseph; what he saith to you, do." And when the 56
famine was over the whole land, Joseph opened all the store-
houses, and sold to the Egyptians; for the famine prevailed
in the land of Egypt. And all the countries *around* came 57
into Egypt to Joseph to buy *corn*; because the famine pre-
vailed in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.—Now when Jacob saw that there was a 1
sale of *corn* in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do ye
look one at another?" And he said, "Lo, I have heard 2
that there is a sale of *corn* in Egypt: go down thither,
and buy for us thence, that we may live, and not die." So 3
ten of Joseph's brethren went to buy corn in Egypt.
But Benjamin, Joseph's *own* brother, Jacob sent not with 4
his brethren: for he said, "Lest peradventure mischief be-
fall him."

And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those who 5
came; for the famine was in the land of Canaan. Now Jo- 6
seph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold
to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brethren came
and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to
the ground. And when Joseph saw his brethren, he knew 7

them, but he made himself strange to them, and spake to them harshly, and said to them, "Whence come ye?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." For though Joseph knew his brethren, they knew not him.

Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed of them, and said to them, "Ye are spies: to see the nakedness of the land ye are come." And they said to him, "Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. We are all the sons of one man; we are true men; thy servants are no spies." And he said to them, "Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come." And they said, "Thy servants *were* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, lo, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not." And Joseph said to them, "This is what I have spoken to you, saying, 'Ye are spies;' hereby ye shall be proved; by the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go hence, unless your youngest brother come hither. Send one of you and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be* truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely ye are spies."

And he put them all together into custody three days. And Joseph said to them the third day, "This do, and live; for I fear God. If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison; and go ye, carry corn for the famine of your households, but bring your youngest brother to me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die." And they did so. Then they said one to another, "We are indeed guilty on account of our brother, because we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, yet we would not hear; therefore is this distress come on ourselves." And Reuben answered them, saying, "Spake I not to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the child?' but ye would not hear; therefore, lo, his blood is demanded *from us*." Now they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; for he spake to them by an interpreter. And he turned away from them, and wept; then having returned to them again, and talked with them, he took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

Then Joseph commanded that their sacks should be filled with corn, and that every man's money should be restored into his sack, and that provision should be given to them for the way. This being done to them, they laded their

asses with corn, and departed thence. But as one of them ²⁷ opened his sack at the lodging place, to give his ass provender, he spied his money ; for, lo, it was in the mouth of his sack. And he said to his brethren, "My money is restored ; ²⁸ and, lo, it is even in my sack ;" and their hearts failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, "What is this which God hath done to us ?"

And they came to Jacob their father into the land of Ca- ²⁹ naan, and told him all that had happened to them, saying, "The man, the lord of the land, spake harshly to us, and ³⁰ took us for spies of the country. And we said to him, 'We ³¹ are true men ; we are no spies ; we *were* twelve brethren, ³² sons of our father : one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.' And the man, the ³³ lord of the land, said to us, 'Hereby shall I know that ye are true men : leave one of your brethren with me, and take *food* for the famine of your households, and depart ; and ³⁴ bring your youngest brother to me ; then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men ; and I will deliver to you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land.'"

And when they emptied their sacks, lo, every man's ³⁵ bundle of money was in his sack ; and when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. Then ³⁶ Jacob their father said to them, "Me have ye bereaved of *my children* : Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye would take Benjamin away : all these things are against me." And Reuben spake to his father, saying, "Slay my ³⁷ two sons if I bring him not back to thee : deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again." But he said, ³⁸ "My son shall not go down with you ; for his brother is dead, and he only remaineth : if mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, then will ye bring down my grey hairs in sorrow to the grave."

CHAP. XLIII.—And the famine was grievous in the land. ¹ And it came to pass when they had eaten up the corn which ² they had brought out of Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go again, buy for us a little food." And Judah spake to ³ him, saying, "The man did solemnly protest to us, saying, 'Ye shall not see my face, unless your brother be with you.' If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and ⁴ buy thee food ; but if thou wilt not send him, we will not ⁵ go down : for the man said to us, 'Ye shall not see my face,

6 unless your brother be with you.'” And Israel said, “Why
 did ye deal so ill with me, as to tell the man that ye had yet
 7 a brother?” And they said, “The man questioned us strictly
 about ourselves, and about our kindred, saying, ‘Is your
 father yet alive? have ye a brother?’ and we told him accord-
 ing to the tenor of those words. Could we at all know
 8 that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down?’” And
 Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the youth with me,
 and we will arise and go, that we may live, and not die, both
 9 we, and thou, and also our little ones. I will be surety for
 him; of my hand thou mayest require him; if I bring him
 not to thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the
 10 blame for ever. Surely if we had not lingered, we might now
 11 have returned a second time.” Then Israel their father said
 to them, “If now *it must be so*, do this; Take of the best
 fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down to the man
 a present, a little balsam, and a little honey, spices and lada-
 12 num, nuts and almonds; and take double money in your
 hands, and carry back with you the money that was returned
 in the mouth of your sacks; peradventure it was an over-
 13 sight. Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the
 14 man; and may God Almighty give you favour before the
 man, that he may send back your other brother, and Benja-
 min. But if I be bereaved of *my children*, I am bereaved.”
 15 So the men took that present; they took also double money
 in their hands, and Benjamin, and arose, and went down to
 16 Egypt, and stood before Joseph. And when Joseph saw
 Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, “Take
 these men home, and slay, and make ready; for the men shall
 17 eat with me at noon.” And the man did as Joseph ordered,
 18 and brought the men into Joseph’s house. And the men
 were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph’s house;
 and they said, “Because of the money that was returned in
 our sacks at the first time are we brought in, that he may
 seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for
 19 slaves and our asses.” So they came near to the ruler of
 Joseph’s house, and they talked with him at the door of the
 20 house, and said, “Oh, my lord! we came indeed down before
 21 to buy food; and it came to pass when we came to the lodg-
 ing place, that we opened our sacks, and, lo, every man’s
 money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full
 22 weight: we have now brought it again in our hands; and
 other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food:

we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.” And he ²³ said, “Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, gave you treasure in your sacks: your money came to me.” Then he brought Simeon out to them. He ²⁴ then took the men into Joseph’s house, and gave them water, that they might wash their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

And they made ready the present against Joseph came at ²⁵ noon: for they had heard that they were to eat bread there. So when Joseph came home, they brought him the present ²⁶ which was in their hands into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the ground. And he asked them of *their* ²⁷ welfare, and said, “Is your father well? the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?” And they answered, “Thy ²⁸ servant our father is well, he is yet alive.” And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance. And he lifted up his ²⁹ eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his own mother’s son, and said, “Is this your youngest brother, of whom ye spake to me?” And he said, “God be gracious to thee, my son!” And Joseph made haste; for his bowels yearned towards his ³⁰ brother; and sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. Then he washed his face, and ³¹ went out, and restrained himself, and said, “Set on food.” And they set on for him by himself, and for them by them- ³² selves, and for the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat with the Hebrews; for that would be an abomination to the Egyptians. Now *his* ³³ *brethren* sat before him, the first-born according to his birth-right, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men looked with astonishment at each other. And he sent por- ³⁴ tions to them from what was before himself; but the portion of Benjamin was five times as much as any of their portions. And they drank, and were merry with him.

CHAP. XLIV. — Then he commanded the ruler of his ¹ house, saying, “Fill the men’s sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put the money of each in the mouth of the sack. But put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of ² the sack of the youngest, together with his purchase-money.” And he did according to the order that Joseph had given.

As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, ³ they and their asses. They were not yet gone far from ⁴ the city, when Joseph said to the ruler of his house, “Arise,

follow the men ; and when thou overtakest them, say to them,
 5 ' Wherefore have ye requited evil for good ? Is not this it
 in which my lord drinketh, and by which indeed he divineth ?
 6 Ye have done evil in so doing.' " And he overtook them,
 7 and spake to them these same words. And they said to
 him, " Wherefore saith my lord these words ? Far be it
 8 from thy servants to do after this manner. Lo, the money
 which we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought again
 to thee out of the land of Canaan : how then should we steal
 9 out of thy lord's house silver or gold ? With whomsoever
 of thy servants it shall be found, let him die, and let us also
 10 be the slaves of my lord." And he said, " Be it now accord-
 ing to your words : he with whom it shall be found shall be
 11 my slave ; but ye shall be blameless." Then they speedily
 took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every
 12 man his sack. And he searched, beginning at the eldest,
 and ending at the youngest : and the cup was found in the
 13 sack of Benjamin. Then they rent their clothes, and laded
 every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house ; for
 he was yet there ; and they fell before him on the ground.
 15 And Joseph said to them, " What deed is this that ye have
 done ? Knew ye not that such a man as I can with certainty
 16 divine ? " And Judah said, " What shall we say to my lord ?
 what shall we speak ? or how shall we clear ourselves ? God
 hath found out the iniquity of thy servants : lo, we are my
 lord's slaves, both we, and he also with whom the cup was
 17 found." And he said, " Far be it from me to do so : the
 man with whom the cup was found, he shall be my slave ;
 18 but as for you, go ye up in peace to your father." Then
 Judah came near to him, and said, " Oh, my lord, let thy
 servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let
 not thine anger burn against thy servant : for thou art even
 19 as Pharaoh. My lord asked his servants, saying, ' Have ye
 20 a father, or a brother ? ' And we said to my lord, ' We have
 a father, an old man, and *he has* a younger *son*, the child of
 his old age, whose brother is dead ; and he alone is left of his
 21 mother, and his father loveth him.' And thou saidst to thy
 servants, ' Bring him down to me, that I may set mine eyes
 22 upon him.' And we said to my lord, ' The lad cannot leave
 his father : for if he should leave his father, he would die.'
 23 And thou saidst to thy servants, ' Unless your youngest
 brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.'

And it came to pass when we came up to thy servant our 24
 father, that we told him the words of my lord. And our 25
 father said, 'Go again, and buy for us a little food.' But 26
 we said, 'We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be
 with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's
 face, unless our youngest brother be with us.' And thy scr- 27
 vant our father said to us, 'Ye know that my wife bare me
 two sons; and one went out from me, and I said, Surely 28
 he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since: now 29
 if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye will
 bring down my grey hairs in sorrow to the grave.' Now, 30
 therefore, when I come to thy servant our father, and the lad
 be not with us, seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's
 life, it shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not, 31
 he will die: thus thy servants will bring down the grey hairs
 of thy servant our father in sorrow to the grave. Now thy 32
 servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I
 bring him not again to thee, then let me bear the blame to
 my father for ever.' Now, therefore, I pray thee, let thy 33
 servant remain instead of the lad, a slave to my lord; and let
 the lad go up with his brethren. For how can I go up to 34
 my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I
 see the evil that will come on my father?"

CHAP. XLV.—Then Joseph could not refrain himself be- 1
 fore all those who stood by him; so he cried, "Cause every
 man to go out from me." And there stood no man with him,
 while Joseph made himself known to his brethren. And he 2
 wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh
 heard. And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am Joseph: 3
 doth my father yet live?" And his brethren could not
 answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And 4
 Joseph said to his brethren, "Come near to me, I pray you:"
 And they came near. And he said, "I am Joseph your
 brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. But be not now grieved, 5
 nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither; for God
 sent me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath 6
 the famine been in the land; and there will yet be five years,
 in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. So God 7
 sent me before you to preserve you a remnant on the earth,
 and to save your lives by a great deliverance. Now then it 8
 was not you who sent me hither, but God; and he hath made
 me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler

9 over all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down to me, delay
10 not. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, that thou mayest be near to me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that
11 thou hast. And there will I nourish thee, (for there will yet be five years of famine,) lest thou, and thy household, and
12 all that thou hast, come to poverty.' And, lo, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth
13 that speaketh to you. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall
14 haste, and bring down my father hither." Then he fell upon the neck of his brother Benjamin, and wept; and Benjamin
15 wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And a report was heard in the house of Pharaoh, saying, "Joseph's brethren are come;" and it pleased Pharaoh well,
17 and his servants. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say unto thy brethren, 'This do ye; lade your beasts, and depart, go
18 ye unto the land of Canaan, and take your father, and your households, and come unto me, and I will give you the best of all the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the
19 land.' Command them also, *saying*, 'This do ye; take ye wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and
20 for your wives, and bring your father, and come. And have no regard for your goods: for the best of all the land of Egypt shall be yours.'"

21 And the sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh. He
22 also gave them provision for the way. To every one of them he gave changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three
23 hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment. And to his father he sent these things; ten asses laden with the best things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and
24 bread and meat for his father by the way. So he sent his brethren away; and when they were departing, he said to them, "See that ye fall not out by the way."

25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land
26 of Canaan to Jacob their father, and told him, saying, "Joseph is yet alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them

not. But when they told him all the words of Joseph, 27 which he had said to them : and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. And Israel said, "It is enough : Joseph my 28 son is yet alive : I will go and see him before I die."

CHAP. XLVI.—So Israel took his journey with all that 1 he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spake to Israel in the 2 visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here am I." And he said, "I am God, the God of 3 thy father : fear not to go down into Egypt ; for I will there make of thee a great nation. I will go down with thee into 4 Egypt, and I will also surely bring thee up again ; and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes."

And Jacob moved on from Beer-sheba : and the sons of 5 Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. And they took their cattle, and their substance which 6 they had gathered in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him ; his sons, and his 7 sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt.

Now these are the names of the children of Israel who 8 went into Egypt ; Jacob and his sons :

Reuben, Jacob's first-born. And the sons of Reuben ; 9 Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

And the sons of Simeon ; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, 10 and Jachin, and Zohar ; and Saul, the son of a Canaanite woman.

And the sons of Levi ; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 11

And the sons of Judah ; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and 12 Pharez, and Zarah : but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

And the sons of Issachar ; Tola, and Phuah, and Job, 13 and Shimron.

And the sons of Zebulun ; Sereb, and Elon, and Jahleel. 14

These were the sons of Leah, whom she bare to Jacob in 15 Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah : all his sons and his daughters were thirty-three persons.

And the sons of Gad ; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and 16 Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

- 17 And the sons of Asher ; Jimuah, and Ishuah, and Ishui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister : And the sons of Beriah ; Heber, and Malehiel.
- 18 These were the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter : and these she bare to Jacob, sixteen persons.
- 19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife ; Joseph and Benjamin.
- 20 And to Joseph, in the land of Egypt, were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On, bare to him.
- 21 And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Beeher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ared.
- 22 These were the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob : in all, fourteen persons.
- 23 And the sons of Dan ; Hushim.
- 24 And the sons of Naphtali ; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.
- 25 These were the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter ; and she bare these to Jacob : in all, seven persons.
- 26 All the persons who went with Jacob into Egypt, who came out of his loins, besides the wives of Jacob's sons, all
- 27 the persons were sixty-six. And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two persons : all of the house of Jacob, who went into Egypt, were seventy persons.
- 28 Now *Jacob* sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct him unto Goshen ; and they came into the land of Goshen.
- 29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to Goshen to meet Israel his father, and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a long while.
- 30 And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have
- 31 seen thy face ; for thou art yet alive." And Joseph said to his brethren and to his father's house, "I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, 'My brethren and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, are come to
- 32 me ; and the men are shepherds, for their occupation hath been to feed cattle, and they have brought their flocks, and
- 33 their herds, and all that they have.' And it shall come to pass when Pharaoh shall call for you, and shall say, 'What
- 34 is your occupation ?' that ye shall answer, 'Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers ;' that ye may dwell in the land of Ge-

shen : for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

CHAP. XLVII.—Then Joseph went and told Pharaoh, ¹ and said, "My father, and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan ; and, lo, they are in the land of Goshen." And he took from among his brethren, five men, and pre- ² sented them to Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to his brethren, ³ "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers." They also said to Pharaoh, "To sojourn in the land are we ⁴ come ; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks ; for the famine is grievous in the land of Canaan : now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen." Then Pharaoh spake to Joseph, saying, "Thy father and thy ⁵ brethren are come to thee ; the land of Egypt is before thee : ⁶ in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell ; in the land of Goshen let them dwell ; and if thou knowest *any* men of ability among them, make them rulers over my own cattle."

And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and presented ⁷ him to Pharaoh ; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pha- ⁸ raoh said to Jacob, "How many are the days of the years of thy life?" And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the ⁹ years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years : few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers, in the days of their pilgrimage." And Jacob blessed ¹⁰ Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

And Joseph settled his father and his brethren, and gave ¹¹ them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Ramesses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all ¹² his father's household with bread, according to their families.

Now there was no bread in all the land ; for the famine ¹³ was very grievous, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan, were distressed by the famine. And Joseph ga- ¹⁴ thered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought : and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and ¹⁵ in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and

said, "Give us bread : for why should we die in thy presence ?
 16 although money faileth." And Joseph said, "Give *me* your
 cattle ; and I will give you bread *in exchange* for your cattle,
 17 since money faileth." And they brought their cattle to
 Joseph : and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for the
 horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the
 asses ; and he supplied them with bread *in exchange* for all
 their cattle during that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came to him the second
 year, and said to him, "It is not hidden from my lord, that
 our money is spent ; my lord also hath our herds of cattle :
 there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies
 19 and our lands : why should we die before thine eyes, both we
 and our land ? buy us and our land for bread, and we and
 our land will be servants to Pharaoh ; and give us seed, that
 we may live and not die, and that the land be not desolate."
 20 Thus Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh ; for
 the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine
 21 prevailed over them : so the land became Pharaoh's. And
 as for the people he removed them to cities from one extre-
 22 mity of Egypt to the other. The land of the priests only he
 bought not ; for the priests had a portion *assigned them* by
 Pharaoh, and lived on the portion which Pharaoh gave them ;
 wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Lo, I have this day bought
 you, and your land, for Pharaoh : lo, here is seed for you,
 24 that ye may sow the land. But of the produce, ye shall
 give a fifth part to Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your
 own, for seed of the field, and for food for yourselves, and
 25 for your households, and for food for your little ones." And
 they said, "Thou hast saved our lives ; let us find favour
 in the sight of my lord, and we will be the servants of Pha-
 26 raoh." So Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to
 this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part, except the
 land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

27 And the Israelites dwelled in the land of Egypt, in the
 land of Goshen ; and they had possessions therein, and were
 28 fruitful and multiplied exceedingly. And Jacob lived in the
 land of Egypt seventeen years : so all the days of the years
 29 of Jacob were a hundred and forty-seven years. And when
 the time drew nigh that Israel must die, he called his son
 Joseph, and said to him, "If now I have found favour in
 thy sight, put thy hand, I pray thee, under my thigh, and

deal kindly and truly with me ; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt, for I would lie with my fathers ; carry me therefore 30 out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place." And he answered, "I will do as thou hast said." Then *Israel* 31 said, "Swear to me." And he sware to him. And Israel bowed himself *leaning* on the head of his staff.

CHAP. XLVIII.—And it came to pass after these things, 1 that one told Joseph, "Lo, thy father is sick : " so he took with him his two sons, Manassch and Ephraim. And *one* 2 told Jacob, and said, "Lo, thy son Joseph is come to thee : " and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And 3 Jacob said to Joseph, " God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, and said to me, 4 ' Lo, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people, and will give this land to thy seed after thee, for an everlasting possession.' And 5 now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manassch, who were born to thee in the land of Egypt before I came to thee into Egypt, are mine ; as Reuben and Simcon, they shall be mine. And thy progeny, which thou mayest beget after 6 them, shall be thine ; they shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. For when I had come 7 from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan, in the way, at a short distance from Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath ; " which is *now* Bethlehem.

And when Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, " Who are 8 these ? " And Joseph said to his father, " They are my sons, 9 whom God hath given me in this *land*." And he said, " Bring them, I pray thee, to me, that I may bless them." Now the eyes of Israel were dim from age, so that he could 10 not see. And he brought them near to him ; and he kissed them, and embraced them. And Israel said to Joseph, " I 11 had not thought to see thy face ; and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed." Then Joseph took them out from be- 12 tween his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the ground. Again Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his 13 right hand, toward Israel's left hand, and Manassch in his left hand, toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near to him. But Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid 14 it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manassch's head, though Manassch was the first-born, guiding his hands wittingly. And he blessed Joseph, 15

and said, "May the God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who fed me from my birth unto this day, the Angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the youths: and let my name, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac be called upon them; and may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." But when Joseph saw that his father had laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from the head of Ephraim to the head of Manasseh. And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father: for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head." But his father refused, and said, "I know it my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but yet his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations." Thus he blessed them that day, saying, "In thee shall Israel bless, saying, 'God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" And he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

And Israel said to Joseph, "Lo, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers. And I give to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

CHAP. XLIX.—And Jacob called to his sons, and said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in after times.

Gather yourselves together and hear, ye sons of Jacob; And hearken to Israel, your father.

Reuben, my first-born art thou;
My might and the beginning of my strength:
The excellence of dignity and the excellence of power.
Swelling as water, thou shalt not excel;
Because thou ascendedst thy father's bed:
Then didst thou profane my couch, by ascending *it*.

Simeon and Levi are brethren:
Instruments of violence are their swords.
Into their council enter not, my soul!
To their assembly, my honour! be not thou united.
For in their anger they slew men;
In their wilfulness, they rooted out princes.

Cursed be their anger! for it was fierce;
And their wrath! for it was cruel.

I will divide them in Jacob,	
And I will scatter them in Israel.	
Judah ! thee thy brethren shall praise ;	8
Thy hand shall be on the neck of thine enemies ;	
To thee the sons of thy father shall bow down.	
A lion's whelp is Judah ;	9
From the prey, my son, thou comest up.	
He coucheth, he lieth down,	
As a lion, and as a lioness ;	
Who shall rouse him up ?	
The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,	10
Nor a lawgiver, from between his feet,	
Until Shiloh come ;	
And to him shall peoples be obedient.	
Binding to the vine his foal,	11
And to the choice vine, his ass's colt,	
He shall wash his garments in wine,	
And his raiment in the blood of grapes.	
His eyes shall be red with wine,	12
And his teeth white with milk.	
Zebulun shall dwell on the sea coast ;	13
And he shall be a coast for ships :	
And his boundary shall reach to Zidon.	
Issachar is a strong ass ;	14
Lying down between the bars.	
And he saw that the resting-place is good,	15
And that the land is pleasant,	
So he bowed the shoulder to the burden,	
And became a servant to task-work.	
Dan shall judge his people	16
Like one of the tribes of Israel.	
Dan shall be a serpent in the way,	17
A horned viper in the path,	
Which biteth the heels of the horse,	
So that his rider falleth backward.	
For thy salvation I wait, O Jehovah !	18
Gad, a troop shall attack him,	19
But he shall attack their rear.	
Out of Asher cometh rich food ;	20
And he shall yield royal dainties.	
Naphtali is a spreading terebinth,	21
Which sendeth forth beautiful branches.	
A fruitful stem is Joseph,	22

A fruitful stem by a fountain,
 Whose boughs spread over the wall.
 23 The archers sorely grieved him,
 And shot *at* him, and hated him :
 24 But his bow remained in strength,
 And the arms of his hands were vigorous ;
 By the power of the Mighty One of Jacob ;
 By the name of the Shepherd, the rock of Israel ;
 25 By the God of thy father, who helped thee,
 By the Almighty, who blessed thee.
 May the blessings of the heavens above,
 May the blessings of the deep lying beneath,
 May the blessings of the breast, and of the womb,
 26 May the blessings of thy father,
 Surpass the blessings of the eternal mountains,
 The desirable things of the everlasting hills !
 May they be on the head of Joseph !
 On the crown-of-the-head of the chief of his brethren !
 27 Benjamin is a wolf that teareth :
 In the morning he devoureth *his* prey,
 In the evening he divideth the spoil.
 28 All these were the twelve *chiefs* of the tribes of Israel,
 and this is what their father spake to them, when he blessed
 them ; every one of them he blessed according to his blessing.
 29 And he charged them, and said to them, " I am about to
 be gathered to my people : bury me with my fathers in the
 30 cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, in the cave
 that is in the field of Machpelah, which is opposite to
 Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought
 with the field of Ephron the Hittite, a possession for a bury-
 31 ing-place. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife ;
 there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife ; and there I
 32 buried Leah. Both the field, and the cave that is in it, were
 a purchase from the sons of Heth."
 33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his
 sons, he drew up his feet into the bed, and expired, and was
 gathered to his people.

- 1 CHAP. L.—And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him.
- 2 Then Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father : so the physicians embalmed Israel.
- 3 And when forty days were fulfilled for him ; for so are ful-

filled the days of those who are embalmed ; the Egyptians mourned for him seventy days.

And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph ⁴ spake to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favour in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 'My father adjured me, saying, Lo, I die : ⁵ in my grave which I digged for myself in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now, therefore, let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will return.'"
 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury thy father, as he ad- ⁶ jured thee." So Joseph went up to bury his father : and ⁷ with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, and all ⁸ the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house : only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. And there went up ⁹ with him both chariots and horsemen, so that the camp was very great. And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, ¹⁰ which is beyond Jordan ; and there they mourned with a great and very grievous lamentation : and he made a mourning for his father seven days. And when the inhabitants of ¹¹ the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing-floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians ;" wherefore the name of *the place* was called Abel-mizraim [THE MOURNING OF THE EGYPTIANS] ; which is beyond Jordan. And the sons of *Jacob* did to him accord- ¹² ing as he commanded them ; for his sons carried him into the ¹³ land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, a possession for a burying-place, of Ephron the Hittite, opposite to Mamre. And after he had buried his father, Joseph re- ¹⁴ turned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

Now when the brethren of Joseph saw that their father ¹⁵ was dead, they said, "Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will fully requite us all the evil which we did to him." And ¹⁶ they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, "Thy father charged us before he died, saying, Thus shall ye say to Joseph, 'For- ¹⁷ give, I pray thee, the transgression of thy brethren, and their sin ; although they did evil to thee :' and now, we pray thee, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of thy father." And Joseph wept when they spake to him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his ¹⁸

19 face ; and they said, "Lo, we are thy servants." And Joseph said to them, "Fear not ; for am I in the place of
20 God ? Ye indeed devised evil against me ; but God devised it for good, to be the means, as it is this day, of saving much
21 people alive. Now, therefore, fear ye not ; I will nourish you, and your little ones." Thus he comforted them, and spake kindly to them.

22 So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's house ; and
23 Joseph lived 'a hundred and ten years. And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third *generation* : the children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were born on Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I die : but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land into the land
25 which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." And Joseph adjured the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you : then ye shall carry up hence my bones with you."

26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old : and when they had embalmed him, he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

THE BOOK OF 'EXODUS.

CHAP. I.—Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, who went into Egypt with Jacob ; every one went with his family. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. And all the persons that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy persons. And Joseph was *already* in Egypt. And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and became very mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

And there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph ; and he said to his people, "Lo, the people of the children of Israel are numerous and stronger than we. Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass that when there falleth out any war, they also join themselves to our enemies, and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." Therefore they set over them task-masters, to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure-cities, Pithom and Rameses : but the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And the *Egyptians* were grieved because of the children of Israel. So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigour, and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar, and in brick, and with all manner of service in the field : all their service, in which they made them serve, was with rigour.

And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Siphrah, and the name of the other Phuah, and said, "When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and inspect the troughs, if it be a son, ye shall kill him ; but if it be a daughter, let her live." But the midwives feared God, and did not as the

king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male-children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have ye done this thing, and saved the male-children alive?" And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are strong, and are delivered before the midwives come in unto them." Therefore God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied, and became very mighty. And because the midwives feared God, he made them families. Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, "Every son that is born ye shall cast into the River, but every daughter ye shall save alive."

1 CHAP. II.—And a man of the house of Levi went and
2 took *for a wife* a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived and bare a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him three months. And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark of reeds, and covered it with bitumen and with pitch, and put the child in it, and laid it amongst the flags on the brink of the River.
4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the River; and her maidens walked along by the River side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid
6 to fetch it. And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and, lo, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the children of the Hebrews."
7 Then said his sister to the daughter of Pharaoh, "Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may
8 suckle the child for thee?" And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, "Go;" and the maid went and called the child's
9 mother. And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, "Take this child away, and suckle it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages; and the woman took the child, and suckled it.
10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto the daughter of Pharaoh, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses [DRAWN OUT]: for she said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his
2 brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he smote the Egyptian, and

hid him in the sand. And he went out the next day, and 13
 lo, two men of the Hebrews were striving together; and he
 said to him who did the wrong, "Wherefore smitest thou thy
 neighbour?" And he said, "Who made thee a prince and 14
 a judge over us? Intendest thou to slay me, as thou slew-
 est the Egyptian?" And Moses was afraid, and said,
 "Surely the thing is known." And when Pharaoh heard 15
 this thing, he sought to slay Moses; but Moses fled from
 the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and
 he sat near a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven 16
 daughters; and they came and drew *water*, and filled the
 troughs to water their father's flock. And the shepherds 17
 came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped
 them, and watered their flock. And when they came to 18
 Reuel their father, he said, "How is it that ye are come so
 soon to-day?" And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us 19
 out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water*
 enough for us, and watered the flock." And he said to his 20
 daughters, "And where is he? why have ye left the man?
 call him, that he may eat bread." And Moses consented to 21
 dwell with the man; and he gave to Moses Zipporah his
 daughter. And she bare to him a son, and he called his 22
 name Gershom [A STRANGER THERE]; for he said, "I have
 been a stranger in a strange land."

And it came to pass during those many days, that the king 23
 of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed on account
 of the bondage. And they cried, and their cry on account
 of the bondage went up unto God. And God heard their 24
 groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham,
 and with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the 25
 children of Israel, and God manifested himself *to them*.

CHAP. III.—Now while Moses was feeding the flock of 1
 Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, he led the
 flock to the furthest part of the desert, and came to the
 mountain of God, to Horeb. And an angel of Jehovah ap- 2
 peared to him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush;
 and he looked, and, lo, the bush burned with fire, yet the
 bush was not consumed. And Moses said, "Let me now 3
 turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not
 burnt." And when Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, 4
 God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said,
 "Moses, Moses." And he said, "Here I am." And he 5

said, "Draw not nigh hither: put thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place on which thou standest is holy ground."

6 Moreover he said, "I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And Jehovah said, "I have clearly seen the affliction of my people that are in Egypt, and have heard their cry on account of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows, and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a land good and large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and

9 the Jebusites. Now therefore, lo, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me, and I have also seen the oppression

10 with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send thee to Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring

11 forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." And Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel

12 out of Egypt?" And he said, "I will assuredly be with thee, and this shall be a token to thee that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye

13 shall serve God upon this mountain." And Moses said to God, "Lo, when I come unto the children of Israel, and say to them, 'The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you;' if they say to me, 'What is his name?' what shall

14 I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE:" and he said, "Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel, 'I WILL BE hath sent me unto you.'"

15 And God said again to Moses, "Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel, 'Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you.' This is my name for ever,

16 and this my memorial to all generations. Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'JEHOVAH, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared to me, saying, 'I have attentively observed you, and that which hath been done to

17 you in Egypt; and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the

Hivites, and the Jebusites, into a land flowing with milk and honey.' And they shall hearken to thy voice; and thou shalt go, thou and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt, and ye shall say to him, 'Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, is our God; and now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, that we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God.' And I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go; no not by a mighty hand. I will therefore stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that when ye go, ye shall not go empty; but every woman shall ask of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians."

CHAP. IV.—And Moses answered and said, "But, lo, they will not believe me, nor hearken to my voice; for they will say, 'Jehovah hath not appeared to thee.'" And Jehovah said to him, "What is that in thy hand?" And he said, "A rod." And he said, "Cast it on the ground." And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail;" (and he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand;) "that they may believe that Jehovah, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared to thee." And again Jehovah said to him, "Put now thy hand into thy bosom." And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, lo, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, "Put thy hand into thy bosom again." And he put his hand into his bosom again, and took it out of his bosom; and, lo, it was turned again like *the rest of* his flesh. "And it shall come to pass that if they will not believe thee, nor hearken to the voice of the first sign, they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And if they will not believe even these two signs, nor hearken to thy voice, thou shalt take some of the water of the River and pour it upon the dry land; and the water which thou takest out of the River shall become blood upon the dry land." And Moses said to Jehovah, "O my lord, I am not eloquent, neither before, nor since thou hast spoken to thy

- servant ; but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.”
- 11 And Jehovah said to him, “Who hath made man’s mouth ?
or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the
12 blind ? Is it not I, Jehovah ? Now therefore go, and I will
be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.”
- 13 And he said, “O my lord, send, I pray thee, by him whom
14 thou wilt send.” And the anger of Jehovah was kindled
against Moses ; and he said, “Is not Aaron the Levite thy
brother ? I know that he can speak well. And also, lo, he
cometh forth to meet thee ; and when he seeth thee, he will
15 be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak to him, and put
the words in his mouth ; and I will be with thy mouth, and
16 with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And
he shall speak, for thee, to the people : so he shall be, *even*
he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him a God.
- 17 And thou shalt take this rod in thy hand, with which thou
shalt do the signs.”
- 18 And Moses went, and returned to Jethro his father-in-law,
and said to him, “Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto
my brethren who are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet
19 alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.” And Je-
hovah said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return into Egypt ;
20 for all the men are dead who sought thy life.” And Moses
took his wife and his sons, and set them upon asses, and he
returned to the land of Egypt ; and Moses took the rod of
21 God in his hand. And Jehovah had said to Moses, “When
thou shalt have returned into Egypt, see that thou do all
those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in thy hand ;
but I will harden his heart, that he will not let the people
22 go. And thou shalt say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus saith Jehovah,
23 Israel is my son, my first-born, and I say to thee, Let my
son go, that he may serve me ; and if thou refuse to let him
24 go, lo, I will slay thy son, thy first-born.’” And it came to
pass, at a lodging place on the way, that Jehovah met him,
25 and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone,
and cut off the foreskin of her son. She then threw *herself*
at his feet, and said, “Surely a bloody husband art thou to
26 me.” So he let him go : then she said, “A bloody husband
art thou,” because of the circumcision.
- 27 And Jehovah had said to Aaron, “Go into the desert to
meet Moses.” And he went, and met him at the mountain
28 of God, and kissed him. Then Moses told Aaron all the
words of Jehovah who had sent him, and all the signs which

he had commanded him *to do*. And Moses and Aaron went, 29 and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel; and Aaron spake all the words which Jehovah had 30 spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed: and when they heard that 31 Jehovah had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshipped.

CHAP. V.—And afterward Moses and Aaron went, and 1 said to Pharaoh, “Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may keep a feast to me in the desert.’” And Pharaoh said, “Who is Jehovah, that I 2 should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, neither will I let Israel go.” And they said, “The God of 3 the Hebrews is our God: let us go, we pray thee, three days’ journey into the desert, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.” And the king of Egypt said to them, “Wherefore do ye, 4 Moses and Aaron, call off the people from their works? go to your burdens.” Pharaoh also said, “Lo, the people are 5 now numerous in the land, yet ye would make them rest from their burdens.” That same day Pharaoh commanded 6 the task-masters of the people, and their officers, saying, “Ye shall no more give the people straw to make bricks, as 7 heretofore; let them go and gather straw for themselves. Yet the stated number of bricks, which they have made 8 heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish it; for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, ‘Let us go that we may sacrifice to our God.’ Let more work be laid 9 upon the men, that they may labour therein, and let them not regard vain words.” So the task-masters of the people 10 went out with their officers and spake to the people, saying, “Thus saith Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw. Go ye, 11 get for yourselves straw where ye can find it; yet not aught of your work shall be diminished.’” So the people were 12 scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble instead of straw. And the task-masters hastened 13 them, saying, “Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, as when there was straw.” And the officers of the children of Israel, 14 whom Pharaoh’s task-masters had set over them, were beaten, and asked, “Why have ye not fulfilled your task in making bricks, both yesterday and to-day, as heretofore?” Then 15

the officers of the children of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, "Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? There is no straw given to thy servants, yet they say to us, 'Make bricks;' and, lo, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people." But he said, "Ye are altogether idle, therefore ye say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to Jehovah.' Go therefore now, and work; for no straw shall be given to you, yet shall ye deliver the stated number of bricks." Then the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in evil case, after it was said, "Ye shall not diminish your bricks of your daily task." And they met Moses and Aaron, who were standing in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh, and they said to them, "Jehovah look upon you, and judge; because ye have made us abominable in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us." And Moses returned to Jehovah, and said, "Lord, why hast thou brought evil upon this people? why hast thou sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast thou at all delivered thy people."

1 CHAP. VI.—Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for through a strong hand shall he let them go, and through a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land."

2 And God spake to Moses, and said to him, "I am Jehovah, and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty; but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojournings, in which they sojourned. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. 3 Wherefore say to the children of Israel, 'I am Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an out-stretched arm, and with great judgments, and I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God; and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, am your God, who bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning which I sware to give it, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob;

and I will give it to you for a heritage: I am Jehovah." And Moses spake thus to the children of Israel; but they ⁹ hearkened not to Moses, for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Go in, ¹¹ speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land." And Moses spake before Jeho- ¹² vah, saying, "Lo, the children of Israel have not hearkened to me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?" And Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron, ¹³ and gave them a charge to the children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

These were the heads of the houses of their fathers: The ¹⁴ sons of Reuben, the first-born of Israel; Hanoeh, and Phallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these were the families of Reuben. And the sons of Simcon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and ¹⁵ Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitish woman: these were the families of Simcon. And ¹⁶ these were the names of the sons of Levi, according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi were a hundred and thirty-seven years. The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, ¹⁷ according to their families. And the sons of Kohath; ¹⁸ Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were a hundred and thirty-three years. And the sons of Merari; Mahali, and Mushi: ¹⁹ these were the families of Levi, according to their generations. And Amram took to himself Jochabed, his father's ²⁰ sister, for a wife; and she bare to him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty-seven years. And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and ²¹ Nepheg, and Zichri. And the sons of Uzziel; Mishaël, ²² and Elzaphan, and Sithri. And Aaron took to himself ²³ Elisheba, daughter of Aminadab, sister of Naashon, for a wife; and she bare to him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, ²⁴ and Abiasaph: these were the families of the Korabites. And Eleazar, Aaron's son, took to himself one of the daughters of Putiel for a wife; and she bare to him Phineas: these ²⁵ were the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families.

These were that Aaron and Moses, to whom Jehovah said, ²⁶ "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,

27 according to their hosts." These were they who spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these were that Moses and Aaron.

28 Now it came to pass on the day *when* Jehovah spake to
29 Moses in the land of Egypt, that Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "I am Jehovah: speak thou to Pharaoh king of
30 Egypt all that I say to thee." And Moses said before Jehovah, "Lo, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh
1 hearken to me?" CHAP. VII.—And Jehovah said to Moses,
"See, I have made thee a God to Pharaoh, and Aaron thy
2 brother shall be thy prophet. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee, and Aaron thy brother shall speak to Pharaoh,
3 that he may send the children of Israel out of his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my
4 wonders in the land of Egypt. For Pharaoh will not hearken to you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring my
5 hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. And the Egyptians shall know
6 that I am Jehovah, when I stretch forth my hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among
7 them." And Moses and Aaron did as Jehovah commanded them; so they did. Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spake to Pharaoh.

8 And Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
9 "When Pharaoh shall speak to you, saying, 'Shew a miracle for yourselves;' then thou shalt say to Aaron, 'Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh;' *and* it shall become a serpent."
10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did as Jehovah had commanded; for Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a ser-
11 pent. Then Pharaoh called also the wise men and the sorcerers: and the magicians of Egypt did in like manner by
12 their enchantments; for they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up
13 their rods. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, so that he hearkened not to them; as Jehovah had said.

14 And Jehovah said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand on the bank of the River to meet him; and the rod which
15 was turned into a serpent thou shalt take in thy hand. And thou shalt say to him, 'Jehovah, God of the Hebrews, hath

sent me unto thee, saying, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me in the desert : ' and, lo, hitherto thou hast not hearkened. Thus saith Jehovah, 'By this thou shalt know 17 that I am Jehovah : ' lo, I will smite with the rod which is in my hand the waters which are in the River, and they shall be turned into blood. And the fish that is in the River shall 18 die, and the River shall stink ; so that the Egyptians shall loath to drink of the water of the River." And Jehovah said 19 to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take thy rod, and stretch out thy hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their canals, and over their pools, and over every cistern of water, that they may become blood ; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in *vessels of* stone.' " And Moses and Aaron did 20 so, as Jehovah commanded ; for Aaron lifted up his rod, and smote the waters that were in the River, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants ; and all the waters that were in the River were turned into blood ; and the fish that were in the River died ; and the River stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the River ; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the 22 magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments ; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, so that he hearkened not to them, as Jehovah had said. But Pharaoh turned, and went 23 into his house, and did not set his heart even to this. And 24 all the Egyptians digged round about the River for water to drink ; for they could not drink of the water of the River.

And when seven days were fulfilled, and after that Jeho- 25 vah had smitten the river, CHAP. VIII.—Jehovah said 1 to Moses, "Go unto Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus saith Jehovah, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For 2 if thou refuse to let them go, lo, I will smite all thy borders with frogs ; and the River shall swarm with frogs, which 3 shall go up and come into thy house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the houses of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy ovens, and into thy kneading-bowls ; and the frogs shall come up, 4 both upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.' " And Jehovah said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 5 'Stretch forth thy hand with thy rod over the streams, and over the canals, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up upon

6 the land of Egypt.'” And Aaron stretched out his hand over
 the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered
 7 the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their en-
 chantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.
 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “En-
 treat Jehovah, that he may take away the frogs from me, and
 from my people, and I will let the people go, that they may
 9 sacrifice to Jehovah.” And Moses said to Pharaoh, “Ap-
 point me at what time I shall entreat for thee, and for thy
 servants, and for thy people, that the frogs may be removed
 from thee, and from thy houses, *and* may remain in the River
 10 only.” And he said, “To-morrow.” And *Moses* said, “*Be it*
 according to thy word, that thou mayest know that there
 11 is none like Jehovah our God. And the frogs shall depart
 from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and
 from thy people; they shall remain in the River only.”
 12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses
 cried to Jehovah, because of the frogs which he had brought
 13 against Pharaoh. And Jehovah did according to the word
 of Moses; for the frogs died out of the houses, and out of
 14 the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them
 15 together in heaps, and the land stank. But when Pharaoh
 saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hear-
 kened not to them; as Jehovah had said.
 16 And Jehovah said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch forth
 thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth, that it may become
 17 gnats throughout all the land of Egypt.’” And they did
 so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and
 smote the dust of the earth, and it became gnats on man
 and on beast; and all the dust of the land became gnats
 18 throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so
 with their enchantments to bring forth gnats, but they could
 19 not. And there were gnats on man and on beast. Then the
 magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God:” yet
 Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not to
 them; as Jehovah had said.
 20 And Jehovah said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morn-
 ing, and stand before Pharaoh; (lo, he cometh forth to the
 water) and say to him, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, Let my people
 21 go, that they may serve me: for, if thou wilt not let my
 people go, lo, I will send beetles upon thee, and upon thy
 servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses; and the
 houses of the Egyptians shall be full of beetles, and also

the ground on which they are. But I will distinguish, on 22 that day, the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, so that no beetles shall be there; in order that thou mayest know that I am Jehovah in the midst of the land; and I 23 will make a distinction between my people and thy people. To-morrow shall this sign be.'” And Jehovah did so: for 24 there came a grievous *swarm* of beetles into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* the houses of his servants, and into all the land of Egypt; the land was corrupted by reason of the beetles. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and 25 said, “Go ye sacrifice to your God in the land.” And Moses 26 said, “It is not right so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to Jehovah our God: lo, if we should sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before 27 their eyes, would they not stone us? We will go three days’ journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, as he shall command us.” And Pharaoh said, “I 28 will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to Jehovah your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me.” And Moses said, “Lo, I go out from thee, and I 29 will entreat Jehovah that the beetles may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow; but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to Jehovah.” Then Moses went out 30 from Pharaoh, and entreated Jehovah. And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses; for he removed the beetles 31 from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people: there remained not one. Yet Pharaoh hardened his heart at this 32 time also, and would not let the people go.

CHAP. IX.—Then Jehovah said to Moses, “Go unto 1 Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For 2 if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt detain them still, lo, 3 the hand of Jehovah shall be upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep; a very grievous pestilence. But Jehovah will distinguish between the cattle of the 4 Israelites and the cattle of the Egyptians, so that nothing shall die of all that belongeth to the children of Israel.’” And 5 Jehovah appointed a fixed time, saying, “To-morrow Jehovah will do this thing in the land.” And Jehovah did that thing 6 on the morrow; for all the cattle of the Egyptians died,

7 but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. And Pharaoh sent, and, lo, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. Yet the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 Then Jehovah said to Moses and to Aaron, "Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it 9 towards heaven in the sight of Pharaoh ; and it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be an ulcerous inflammation upon man and beast, throughout all the land 10 of Egypt." And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh ; and Moses sprinkled it up towards heaven ; and it became an ulcerous inflammation upon man and upon 11 beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the inflammation ; for the inflammation was upon 12 the magicians and upon all the Egyptians. But Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, so that he hearkened not to them, as Jehovah had spoken to Moses.

13 And Jehovah said to Moses, " Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, ' Thus saith Jehovah, God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they 14 may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thyself, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the 15 earth. For now I could stretch out my hand and smite thee and thy people with pestilence, so that thou shouldst be cut 16 off from the earth. But for this cause indeed have I preserved thee, to shew in thee my power, and that my name 17 may be declared in all the earth. As thou yet exaltest thyself against my people, so that thou wilt not let them go, lo, 18 to-morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the day 19 of its foundation even until now. Now therefore send, and gather in thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field ; every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not have been brought home, the hail shall come down 20 upon them, and they shall die.' " He among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of Jehovah, made his 21 servants and his cattle flee into the houses ; but he who regarded not the word of Jehovah left his servants and his 22 cattle in the field. Then Jehovah said to Moses, " Stretch forth thy hand towards heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

And Moses stretched forth his rod towards heaven ; and 23
 Jehovah sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon
 the ground ; and Jehovah rained hail upon the land of
 Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, 24
 very grievous, such as there had not been in all the land of
 Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote through- 25
 out all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man
 and beast ; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and
 brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, 26
 where the children of Israel were, there was no hail. And 27
 Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to
 them, "I have sinned this time : Jehovah is righteous, but I
 and my people are wicked. Entreat Jehovah that there may 28
 be an end of this mighty thunder and hail ; and I will let
 you go, and ye shall stay no longer." And Moses said to 29
 him, "As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread
 abroad my hands to Jehovah, and the thunder shall cease,
 and there shall be no more hail ; in order that thou mayest
 know that the land is Jehovah's. But as for thee and thy 30
 servants, I know that ye will not yet fear Jehovah God."
 Now the flax and the barley was smitten ; for the barley was 31
 in the ear, and the flax was in flower. But the wheat and 32
 the spelt were not smitten ; for they were not grown up. And 33
 Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad
 his hands to Jehovah ; and the thunders and the hail ceased,
 and the rain was not poured upon the earth. And when Pha- 34
 raoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased
 he sinned yet more and hardened his heart, he and his ser-
 vants. So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, nor would he 35
 let the children of Israel go ; as Jehovah had spoken by
 Moses.

CHAP. X.—And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go in unto 1
 Pharaoh ; for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of
 his servants, in order that I might shew these my signs
 among them, and that thou mightest tell in the ears of thy 2
 son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in
 Egypt, and my signs which I have done amongst them ; that
 ye may know that I am Jehovah your God." And Moses 3
 and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and said to him, "Thus
 saith Jehovah the God of the Hebrews, 'How long wilt
 thou refuse to humble thyself before me ? Let my people
 go, that they may serve me. For if thou refuse to let my 4

people go, lo, to-morrow I will bring the locusts into thy borders; and they shall cover the face of the earth, that it will not be possible to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which has escaped, which remaineth to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field; and they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians: such neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers saw, since the day they were upon the land unto this day.'"

And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. And Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this *man* be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve Jehovah their God. Wouldst thou first know that Egypt is destroyed?" And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve Jehovah your God; *but* who are they that are to go?" And Moses said, "We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must keep* a feast to Jehovah our God." And *Pharaoh* said to them, "May Jehovah be so with you, as I will let you go, with your little ones! See! what evil designs ye have! Not so: go now, ye men and serve Jehovah; for that ye desired." And they were driven out from the presence of Pharaoh. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch out thy hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, all that the hail hath left."

And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and Jehovah brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in great numbers in all the borders of Egypt: before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall there be such; for they covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left; and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, "I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. Now, therefore, forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat Jehovah your God, that he may take away from me this

death only." And he went out from Pharaoh, and en- 18
treated Jehovah, and Jehovah turned a very strong west 19
wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the
Red Sea: there remained not one locust in all the borders of
Egypt. But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he 20
would not let the children of Israel go.

And Jehovah said to Moses, "Stretch out thy hand to- 21
wards heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of
Egypt, even darkness which may be felt." And Moses 22
stretched forth his hand towards heaven; and there was a
thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days:
they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place 23
for three days; but all the children of Israel had light in
their dwellings. Then Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, 24
"Go ye, serve Jehovah; only let your flocks and your herds
remain: "let your little ones also go with you." And Mo- 25
ses said, "Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt-offer-
ings, that we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God. Our cattle 26
also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind;
for of them we must take to serve Jehovah our God, and we
know not with which we must serve Jehovah until we come
thither." But Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, 27
so that he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said to 28
Moses, "Be gone from me. Take heed to thyself; see my
face no more; for in the day thou seest my face thou shalt
die." And Moses said, "Thou hast spoken well; I will see 29
thy face again no more."

CHAP. XI.—Now Jehovah had said to Moses, "Yet will 1
I bring one plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt, and
afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let *you*
go, he will surely thrust you out hence altogether. Speak 2
now in the ears of the people, and let every man ask of his
neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of
silver, and jewels of gold." And Jehovah gave the people 3
favour in the sight of the Egyptians. The man Moses also
was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pha-
raoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. And Moses 4
said, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'About midnight will I go
through the midst of Egypt, and every first-born in the land 5
of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sitteth
upon his throne, to the first-born of the maid-servant who
is behind the mill; and to the first-born of every beast.'

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as never hath been, and such as shall not be again. But against all the children of Israel not a dog shall move his tongue, against either man or beast; that ye may know that Jehovah doth put a difference between the Egyptians and the Israelites. And all these thy servants shall come down to me, and bow down themselves to me, saying, 'Go out, thou and all the people that follow thee:' and after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in great anger. Now Jehovah had said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not hearken to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

1 CHAP. XII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses and Aaron in 2 the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year 3 to you. Speak ye to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, 'In the tenth day of this month let them take to themselves every man a lamb, according to the house of 4 their fathers; a lamb for a house. But if the household be too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take *one*, according to the number of the persons: every man, according to his own eating, shall reckon for the 5 lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats; 6 and ye shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of 7 Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take some of the blood, and sprinkle it on the two side-posts and on the 8 lintel of the houses in which they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted by fire: with unleavened bread, and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Ye shall not eat of it raw, nor boiled in water, but roasted by 9 fire; its head with its legs, and with its entrails. And ye shall let none of it remain until the morning; or that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. 10 And thus shall ye eat it; your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in 11 haste: it is the passover of Jehovah. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born

in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am Jehovah. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses ¹³ where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be to ¹⁴ you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to Jehovah throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by a perpetual ordinance. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened ¹⁵ bread; even on the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses; for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. And on the first day ye shall have a holy con- ¹⁶ vocation, and on the seventh day a holy convocation; no manner of work shall be done in them, except what every man must eat; that only may be done by you. And ye shall ob- ¹⁷ serve *the feast of unleavened bread*; for in this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day throughout your generations by a perpetual ordinance. In the first month, from the evening of ¹⁸ the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the evening of the twenty-first day of the month. Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; ¹⁹ for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or one born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing ²⁰ leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.’”

.Then Moses called for the elders of Israel, and said to ²¹ them, “Choose out and take for yourselves a lamb, according to your families, and kill the passover: then take a bunch of ²² hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the bason; and let none of you go out at the door of his house until the morning. For Jehovah will pass through to smite ²³ the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, Jehovah will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite *you*. And ye shall observe this thing as a perpetual ²⁴ ordinance to thee and to thy children. And it shall come to ²⁵ pass when ye are come into the land which Jehovah will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service; and it shall come to pass when your children shall ²⁶

- 27 say to you, 'What mean ye by this service?' that ye shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the passover of Jehovah, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.'"
- 28 And the people bowed the head, and made obeisance. And the children of Israel went away, and did as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did.
- 29 And it came to pass that at midnight, Jehovah smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, to the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle.
- 30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house in which there was not one dead.
- 31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, depart from among my people, both you and the children of Israel, and go, serve Jehovah as ye have said.
- 32 Take your flocks also, and your herds, as ye have said, and go; and bless me also." And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land
- 34 in haste; for they said, "We shall all be dead!" And the people took their dough being not yet leavened, their kneading-bowls being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
- 35 And the children of Israel had done as Moses had commanded them; and they had asked of the Egyptians
- 36 jewels of silver and jewels of gold, and raiment; and Jehovah had given the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they gave to them *such things as they required*; and they spoiled the Egyptians.
- 37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men,
- 38 beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks and herds, *even* very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt; for it had not been leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, nor had
- 40 they prepared for themselves any food. Now the sojournment of the children of Israel who dwelt in Egypt, was four
- 41 hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even on that very day it came to pass that all the hosts of Jehovah went out from
- 42 the land of Egypt. - It is a night to be much observed to Jehovah for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is

that night of Jehovah to be observed by all the children of Israel in their generations.

And Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the passover. No alien shall eat of it, but every man's servant that is bought with money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat of it. A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it. In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth out of the house any part of the flesh, nor shall ye break a bone thereof. All the congregation of the children of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to Jehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land; for no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. One law shall be for the native, and for the stranger that sojourneth among you." And all the children of Israel did as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did. And it came to pass that very day, that Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

CHAP. XIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Sanctify to me every male first-born, which openeth every womb among the children of Israel, whether of man or of beast; it is mine." And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day, in which ye came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand Jehovah brought you out thence: nothing leavened shall be eaten on the day in which ye came out, in the month Abib. And it shall be when Jehovah shall have brought thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware to thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to Jehovah. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days, and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy borders. And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, '*It is on account of that which Jehovah did to me when I came forth out of Egypt.*' And it shall be for a sign to thee upon thy hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes; that the law of Jehovah may be in thy mouth; for with a strong

10 hand hath Jehovah brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its season every year.

11 “And it shall be when Jehovah shall have brought thee
12 into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware to thee and thy
13 fathers, and shall have given it to thee, that thou shalt set
apart to Jehovah every thing that openeth the womb and
every firstling the issue of a beast which thou mayest have ;
14 the males *shall be* Jehovah’s. And every firstling of an ass
thou shalt redeem with a lamb ; and if thou wilt not redeem
it, then thou shalt break its neck ; but every male first-born
15 among thy children thou shalt redeem. And it shall be,
when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, ‘What is
this ?’ that thou shalt say to him, ‘By strength of hand
Jehovah brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bond-
16 age ; for, it came to pass when Pharaoh obstinately refused
to let us go, that Jehovah slew all the first-born in the land of
Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of
beast : therefore I sacrifice to Jehovah all that openeth the
womb, being males ; but all the first-born of my children I
17 redeem.’ And it shall be for a token upon thy hand, and
for frontlets between thine eyes : for by strength of hand
Jehovah brought us forth out of Egypt.”

17 And it came to pass when Pharaoh had let the people go,
that God led them not by the way of the land of the Philis-
tines, although that was the nearest ; for God said, “Lest
the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt ;”
18 but God led the people about, by the way of the desert of
the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in array
19 out of the land of Egypt. And Moses took with him the
bones of Joseph ; for he had solemnly adjured the children
of Israel, saying, “God will surely visit you, and ye shall
20 carry up my bones away hence with you.” And they took
their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, at
21 the extremity of the desert. And Jehovah went before
them, by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them on the way,
and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light ; that
22 they might go by day and by night. He took not away the
pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night,
from before the people.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
2 “Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp
before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against

Baal-zephon : before it shall ye encamp, by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They are entangled in the land, the desert hath shut them in.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart so that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am Jehovah." And they did so. And it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled; and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed towards the people, and they said, "What is this that we have done, to let Israel go from serving us?" And he made ready his chariot, and took with him his people; and he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the cavalry of Egypt, and officers over the whole. And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel; though the children of Israel had gone out with a high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, even his whole force, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon. And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, lo, the Egyptians were marching after them; and the children of Israel were exceedingly afraid, and cried to Jehovah. And they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou brought us away to die in the desert? what is this thou hast done to us, by bringing us out of Egypt? Is not this what we told thee in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?' for it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than to die in the desert." And Moses said to the people, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which he will work for you this day; for the Egyptians whom ye see to-day, ye shall see again no more for ever: Jehovah will fight for you, while ye are silent." And Jehovah said to Moses, "Wherefore criest thou to me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward; but lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thy hand over the sea, and divide it, that the children of Israel may go through the midst of the sea on the dry ground. And, lo, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them; and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horse-

19 men." And the angel of God which had gone before the camp of the Israelites, removed, and went behind them, and the pillar of the cloud went from before them, and stood
20 behind them ; and it came between the camp of the Egyptians, and the camp of the Israelites ; and it was a cloud and darkness *to the Egyptians*, but it gave light by night *to the Israelites* ; so that the one came not near to the other all the
21 night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea ; and Jehovah by a strong east wind caused the sea to go *back* all that night, and he turned the sea into dry ground, and
22 the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground : and the waters *were* a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, all the horses of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass that in the morning-watch Jehovah looked upon the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire, and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and turned aside their chariot-wheels, so that they
25 drove them heavily : the Egyptians therefore said, " Let us flee from the face of the Israelites ; for Jehovah fighteth for them against the Egyptians." Then Jehovah said to Moses,
26 " Stretch out thy hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, and upon their chariots,
27 and upon their horsemen." And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and when the morning appeared the sea returned to its strength, and the Egyptians met it as they fled. Thus Jehovah overthrew the Egyptians in the midst
28 of the sea. For the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen ; all the host of Pharaoh that had gone into the sea after *the Israelites* : there remained not
29 even one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry ground in the midst of the sea ; and the waters were a
30 wall to them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus Jehovah saved the Israelites that day out of the hand of the Egyptians ; and the Israelites saw the Egyptians dead upon
31 the sea-shore. And when the Israelites saw that great work which Jehovah did upon the Egyptians, the people feared Jehovah, and trusted in Jehovah and in his servant Moses.

1 CHAP. XV.—Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song to Jehovah, and spake, saying,

"I will sing unto Jehovah, for he hath highly exalted himself:

The horse and his rider he hath thrown into the sea.

Jehovah is my strength and my song, 2

And he is become my salvation :

He is my God, and I will glorify him ;

My father's God, and I will exalt him.

Jehovah is mighty in war : 3

Jehovah is his name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his host he hath cast into 4
the sea :

His chosen captains are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them : 5

They went down to the bottom like a stone.

Thy right hand, O Jehovah, hath been glorious in power : 6

Thy right hand, O Jehovah, hath dashed in pieces the
enemy.

In the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown 7
them who rose up against thee :

Thou sentest forth thy wrath, it consumed them like
stubble.

By the blast of thy nostrils the waters were heaped up ; 8

The floods stood upright as a heap ;

The depths were congealed in the midst of the sea.

The enemy said, ' I will pursue, I will overtake, 9

I will divide the spoil ;

My desire shall be satisfied upon them ;

I will draw my sword, my hand shall repossess them.'

Thou didst blow with thy breath, the sea covered them ; 10

They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who among the gods is like thee, O Jehovah ! 11

Who, like thee, is glorious in holiness,

Fearful in praises, doing wonders !

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, 12

The earth swallowed them.

Thou hast led forth in thy mercy the people whom thou 13
hast redeemed :

Thou art guiding them in thy strength to thy holy habi-
tation.

Peoples shall hear, and tremble : 14

Pangs shall seize the inhabitants of Philistia.

Then shall the princes of Edom be amazed : 15

Trembling shall seize the mighty men of Moab :

All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

- 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them :
Through the greatness of thine arm they shall be still as
a stone ;

Till thy people pass over, O Jehovah,
Till the people pass over whom thou hast purchased.

- 17 Thou wilt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain
of thine inheritance,

The place, O Jehovah, *which* thou hast made for thyself to
dwell in,

The sanctuary, O Jehovah, *which* thine hands have estab-
lished.

- 18 Jehovah shall reign for ever and ever."

- 19 For the horses of Pharaoh, with his chariots and with his
horsemen, went into the sea, and Jehovah brought again the
waters of the sea upon them ; but the children of Israel went
on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

- 20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took
a timbrel in her hand ; and all the women went out after
21 her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered
them,

"Sing ye to Jehovah, for he hath highly exalted himself ;
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea."

- 22 Then Moses led the Israelites away from the Red Sea ;
and they went out into the desert of Shur ; and they jour-
23 neyed three days in the desert, and found no water. And
when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the
waters of Marah, for they were bitter ; therefore the name
24 of *that place* was called Marah [BITTERNESS]. And the
people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we
25 drink ?" And he cried to Jehovah ; and Jehovah shewed
him a wood, which he cast into the waters, and the waters
became sweet. There *Jehovah* made a statute and an ordi-
26 nance, and there he proved them, and said, "If thou wilt
diligently hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, and
wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to
his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will bring
none of the diseases upon thee, which I brought upon the
Egyptians : for I am Jehovah who healeth thee."

- 27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water,
and seventy palm-trees ; and they encamped there by the waters.

- 1 CHAP. XVI.—And they journeyed from Elim ; and all the
congregation of the children of Israel came unto the desert

of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the desert; and the children of Israel said to them, "Oh that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we ate bread to the full! for ye have brought us forth into this desert, to kill this whole assembly by famine." Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Lo, I will rain bread for you from the heavens; and the people shall go out and gather a certain portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or not. And on the sixth day they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "In the evening ye shall know that Jehovah hath brought you out from the land of Egypt, and in the morning ye shall see the glory of Jehovah; since he hath heard your murmurings against Jehovah: for what are we that ye murmur against us?" And Moses said, "*This shall be*, when Jehovah shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; since Jehovah hath heard your murmurings which ye murmur against him. For what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against Jehovah." And Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before Jehovah; for he hath heard your murmurings.'" And it came to pass while Aaron was speaking to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the desert, and, lo, the glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud. Now Jehovah had spoken to Moses, saying, "I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak to them saying, 'In the evening ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I Jehovah am your God.'" And it came to pass that in the evening the quails came up, and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a fall of dew round about the camp. And when the fall of dew had gone off, lo, upon the face of the desert *there lay* something small and shining; small as the hoar frost on the earth. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, "What is it?" for they knew not what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which Jehovah giveth you to eat. This is what Jehovah hath

commanded. Gather of it, every one according to his eating; an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every one for those who are in his tent.”

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more,
18 some less. And when they measured it with an omer, he that had gathered much had nothing over, and he that had gathered little had no want: they gathered every one according to his eating. And Moses said, “Let no one leave
20 of it until the morning.” Yet they hearkened not to Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred
21 worms, and stank; and Moses was angry with them. So they gathered it every morning, every one according to his
22 eating; and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. But it came to pass that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers for each person. And all the rulers
23 of the congregation came and told Moses, and he said to them, “This is what Jehovah hath said, ‘To-morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath to Jehovah: bake what ye will bake, and boil what ye will boil; and that which remaineth over
24 lay up for yourselves, to be kept until the morning.’” And they laid it up until the morning, as Moses commanded;
25 and it did not stink, nor was there any worm in it. And Moses said, “Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath to
26 Jehovah: to-day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, there shall be none.” And it came to pass that some
27 of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. And Jehovah said to Moses, “How long
28 refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, because Jehovah hath appointed to you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days:
29 abide ye every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.” So the people rested on the
30 seventh day. And the house of Israel called the name of this *food* Manna: and it was like coriander-seed, white, and
31 its taste like a cake *made* with honey. And Moses said, “This is what Jehovah hath commanded, ‘Fill an omer of it,
32 to be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the desert, when I brought
33 you forth from the land of Egypt.’” And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a pot, and put in it a full omer of manna, and lay it up before Jehovah, to be kept throughout your
34 generations.” So Aaron laid it up before the testimonials,

to be kept as Jehovah commanded Moses. And the children 35 of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land: they ate manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.—Now an omer is the tenth part of 36 an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.—And all the congregation of the children 1 of Israel journeyed from the desert of Sin, ordering their journeys according to the commandment of Jehovah; and they pitched in Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people contended with Mo- 2 ses, and said, “Give us water that we may drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do ye contend with me? Why do ye try Jehovah?” And the people thirsted there for 3 water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, “Wherefore hast thou thus brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?” And 4 Moses cried to Jehovah, saying, “What shall I do to this people? they are almost ready to stone me.” And Jehovah 5 said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with thee some of the elders of Israel, and thy rod, with which thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go. Lo, I will 6 stand before thee there by the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Mas- 7 sah [TRIAL], and Meribah [CONTENTION], because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tried Jehovah, saying, “Is Jehovah among us, or not?”

Then came the Amalekites and fought with the Israelites 8 in Rephidim. And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose out men 9 for us, and go out to fight with the Amalekites: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with the rod of God in my hand.” So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and 10 fought with the Amalekites, and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass that 11 when Moses held up his hand, the Israelites prevailed; and when he let down his hand, the Amalekites prevailed. But 12 the hands of Moses were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it, and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited the people of 13

14 Amalek and smote them with the edge of the sword. Then
 Jehovah said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in a
 book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, that I will ut-
 15 terly blot out the remembrance of the Amalekites from under
 the heavens." And Moses built an altar, and called the
 16 name of it Jehovah-nissi [JEHOVAH MY SIGNAL]: for he
 said, "It shall be known as a signal of the war which
 Jehovah will have with the Amalekites from generation to
 generation."

1 CHAP. XVIII.—When Jethro the priest of Midian, the
 father-in-law of Moses, heard of all that God had done for
 Moses, and for his people, the Israelites, how Jehovah had
 2 brought the Israelites out of Egypt, then Jethro, the father-
 in-law of Moses, took Zipporah, the wife of Moses, after he
 3 had sent her back, and her two sons (of whom the name of
 the one was Gershom [A STRANGER THERE]; for Moses said,
 4 "I have been a stranger in a foreign land;" and the name
 of the other was Eliezer [GOD WILL HELP]; "For the God
 of my father, *said he*, has been my helper, and delivered me
 5 from the sword of Pharaoh"); and Jethro, the father-in-law
 of Moses, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the
 desert, where he was encamped by the mountain of God.
 6 And he said to Moses, "I, thy father-in-law Jethro, am
 come to thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her."
 7 And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed
 himself, and kissed him; and when they had asked each other
 8 of their welfare they went into the tent. And Moses told
 his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh and
 to the Egyptians for the sake of the Israelites, and all the
 travail that had come upon them by the way, and how Je-
 9 hovah had delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the
 good which Jehovah had done to the Israelites, whom he
 10 had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro
 said, "Blessed be Jehovah, who hath delivered you out of the
 hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh;
 who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the
 11 Egyptians. Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all
 gods, for in the matter in which they had dealt proudly *he*
 12 *was* above them." And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses,
 brought a burnt-offering and sacrifices to God, and Aaron
 came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with the
 father-in-law of Moses before God.

Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses sat to 13
 judge the people, and the people stood by Moses from the
 morning until the evening. And when the father-in-law of 14
 Moses saw all that he did to the people, he said, "What is
 this that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou alone,
 and all the people stand by thee from the morning until the
 evening?" And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because 15
 the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have 16
 any cause they come to me, and I judge between one and
 another, and make known to them the statutes of God and
 his laws." And the father-in-law of Moses said to him, 17
 "The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely 18
 wear out both thyself and this people that is with thee; for
 this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform
 it alone. Hearken now to my voice, I will give thee counsel, 19
 and God will be with thee. Be thou before God for the
 people, and bring thou the causes to God, and teach them 20
 ordinances and laws, and show them the way wherein they
 must walk, and the work that they must do. But provide 21
 thou out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of
 truth, hating unjust gain; and place these over them, rulers
 of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of
 tens; and let them judge the people at all seasons: but every 22
 great matter *that arises* let them bring to thee, and every
 small matter let them judge: so shall it be easier for thyself,
 and they shall bear *the burden* with thee. If thou wilt do this 23
 thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou wilt be able to
 endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace."
 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and 24
 did all that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of 25
 all Israel, and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of
 thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers
 of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the 26
 cause that was hard they brought to Moses, but every small
 matter they judged themselves. And Moses let his father- 27
 in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.—In the third month from the going out of 1
 the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, on that day
 they came to the desert of Sinai. For when they departed 2
 from Rephidim, they came to the desert of Sinai, and pitched
 in the desert; and there the Israelites encamped before the
 mountain.

3 And Moses went up to God, and Jehovah called to him
out of the mountain, saying, "Thus shalt thou say to
4 the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; 'Ye
have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bare you
5 on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now there-
fore, if ye will attentively hearken to my voice, and keep
my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure to me
6 above all peoples; for all the earth is mine, but ye shall be
to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.' These are
the words which thou shalt speak to the children of Israel."
7 Then Moses went, and called for the elders of the people,
and laid before them all these words which Jehovah had
8 commanded him. And all the people answered with one
accord and said, "All that Jehovah hath spoken we will do."
And Moses reported the words of the people to Jehovah.
9 And Jehovah said to Moses, "Lo, I come unto thee in a
thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with
thee, and believe in thee for ever." And Moses told the
10 words of the people to Jehovah. And Jehovah said to
Moses, "Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and
11 to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready
against the third day; for the third day Jehovah will come
down upon mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.
12 And thou shalt set a boundary to the people round about,
saying, 'Take heed to yourselves *that ye go not* up to the
mountain, nor touch the border of it; whosoever toucheth
13 the mountain shall be surely put to death. There shall
not a hand touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot
through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live.'
When the trumpet soundeth long, they may come up to the
14 mountain." And Moses went down from the mountain to
the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their
15 clothes. And he said to the people, "Be ready against the
16 third day: approach not your wives." And it came to pass
on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders
and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and
the sound of a trumpet exceedingly loud; so that all the
17 people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought
forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they
18 stood at the lower part of the mountain. And mount Sinai
was altogether in a smoke, because Jehovah had descended
upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the
smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled ex-

ceedingly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded 19 long, and became louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. For Jehovah had descended on 20 mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain: and Jehovah called Moses up to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go down, charge 21 the people, not to break through unto Jehovah to gaze, lest many of them perish. And let the priests also, who come 22 near to Jehovah, sanctify themselves, lest Jehovah break forth upon them." And Moses said to Jehovah, "The 23 people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for thou chargedst us, saying, 'Set a boundary about the mountain, and sanctify it.' " And Jehovah said to him, "Go thou down; and 24 come up *again*, thou, and Aaron with thee; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto Jehovah, lest he break forth upon them." So Moses went down 25 to the people and spake to them.

CHAP. XX.—And God spake all these words, saying, 1 "I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land 2 of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not have 3 other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make for thyself a graven image, nor any 4 likeness of what is in heaven above, or what is in the earth beneath, or what is in the water under the earth: thou 5 shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor shalt thou serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me, but shewing 6 mercy to the thousandth of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not utter the name of Jehovah thy God to 7 a falsehood; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless who uttereth his name to a falsehood.

Remember the sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days 9 mayest thou labour, and do all thy work, but the seventh 10 day is the sabbath of Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days Jeho- 11 vah made the heavens and the earth, and the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not commit murder.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing which is thy neighbour's."

18 And all the people saw the thunderings and the lightnings, and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it* they removed and stood afar off. And they said to Moses, "Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die." And Moses said to the people, "Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before you, that ye sin not." And the people stood afar off; and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 And Jehovah said to Moses, "Thus thou shalt say to the children of Israel, 'Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make with me gods of silver; and gods of gold ye shall not make for yourselves. An altar of earth thou shalt make to me, and shalt sacrifice on it thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in every place in which I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. But if thou wilt make to me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered at it.'

1 CHAP. XXI.—Now these are the ordinances which thou shalt set before them.

2 When thou buyest a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve, and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in single, single shall he go out: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a wife, and she have borne to him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be his master's, and he shall go out single. But if the servant shall plainly

say, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free;' then his master shall bring him to the

judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or the door-post, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him for ever. But when a man hath 7 sold his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as men-servants go out. If she please not her master, who 8 had destined her for himself, then shall he let her be redeemed; he shall not have power to sell her to a strange nation, because he hath deceived her. And if he have 9 destined her for his son, he shall act towards her, according to the rights of daughters. If *the son* take for himself 10 another *wife*, her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, he shall not diminish. And if he do not these three 11 things to her, then shall she go out free without money.

He who smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put 12 to death. Yet if a man lie not in wait, but God let *the other* 13 fall into his hand, then I will appoint thee a place whither he may flee. But if a man come maliciously upon his 14 neighbour, and slay him with guile; thou shalt take him *even* from my altar, that he may be put to death. And 15 he who smiteth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. And he who stealeth a man, and selleth him, 16 or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death. And he who curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely 17 be put to death. And when men strive together, and one 18 smite another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keep his bed; if he rise again, and walk abroad *leaning* 19 upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be acquitted: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed. And when a man smiteth 20 his man-servant, or his maid-servant with a rod, so that either die under his hand, it shall surely be avenged: but if 21 *his servant* continue a day or two, he shall not be punished; for he is his money. And when men are fighting to- 22 gether and strike a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, but no mischief follow, he *who struck* shall be surely fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay before the judges. But if mis- 23 chief follow, then shalt thou give life for life, eye for eye, 24 tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burn- 25 ing, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. And when a man 26 smiteth the eye of his servant or the eye of his maid, so that it perish, he shall let him go free for the sake of his eye. 27 And if he smite out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-

servant's tooth, he shall let him go free for the sake of his tooth.

28 And when an ox goreth a man or a woman, that they die,
 then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be
 29 eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted. But if
 the ox were wont to gore in time past, and it hath been made
 known to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, and he
 kill a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and his
 30 owner also shall be put to death. If there be laid on him a
 sum of money, then shall he give, for the ransom of his
 31 life, whatsoever is laid upon him. Whether *his ox* have
 gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this or-
 32 dinance, it shall be done to him. If the ox gore a man-
 servant, or a maid-servant; *the owner* shall give to their master
 33 thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. And
 when a man openeth a pit, or when a man diggeth a pit,
 34 but doth not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall into it, the
 owner of the pit shall make compensation by giving money
 to the owner of them, and the dead *beast* shall be his.
 35 And when one man's ox hurteth the ox of another so that it
 die, then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the price of
 36 it, and the dead *ox* also they shall divide. Or if it be
 known that the ox was wont to gore in time past, and his
 owner hath not kept him in, he shall surely repay ox for ox,
 and the dead *ox* shall be his own.

1 CHAP. XXII.—When a man stealeth an ox, or a sheep,
 and killeth it, or selleth it, he shall repay five oxen for an
 2 ox, and four sheep for a sheep. If the thief be found
 breaking in, and be smitten so that he die, he *who smiteth*
 3 *him* shall not be guilty of bloodshed. If the sun be risen
 upon him he shall be guilty of bloodshed; he shall make
 compensation. If *the thief* have nothing to *repay*, then he
 4 shall be sold for his theft. If what he stole be actually found
 in his possession alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep, he
 5 shall repay double. When a man causeth a field or a
 vineyard to be eaten, by putting in his beast, and feeding in
 another man's field, of the best of his own field, and of the
 6 best of his own vineyard, he shall make restitution. When
 a fire breaketh out, and catcheth in thorns, so that the
 stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, are con-
 sumed, he that kindled the fire shall make full restitution.
 7 When a man delivereth to his neighbour money or furni-

ture to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief be found he shall pay double. But if the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges, *that he may swear* that he hath not put his hand to his neighbour's goods. For all manner of wrong doing concerning either ox, or ass, or sheep, or raiment, or any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and*, he whom the judges shall condemn, shall pay double to his neighbour. When a man delivereth to his neighbour an ass, 10 or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep, and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it, *then* shall an oath of 11 Jehovah be between them both, that he hath not put his hand to his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall accept *the oath*, and he shall not make restitution. But if it have 12 been certainly stolen from him, he shall make restitution to the owner of it. If it have been torn in pieces, let 13 him bring it *as* a proof of the tearing, *and* he shall not make restitution. And when a man borroweth *a beast* 14 of his neighbour, and it be hurt or die, the owner thereof not being with it, he shall make full restitution. But if the 15 owner thereof be with it, he shall not make restitution. If it were hired, it came for its hire.

And when a man seduceth a virgin who is not betrothed, 16 and lieth with her, he shall surely pay her dowry, *and take her* to be his wife. But if her father utterly refuse to give 17 her to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Thou shalt not suffer a sorceress to live. Whosoever 19 lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death. He that 20 sacrificeth to any god, save to Jehovah only, shall be devoted to death.

Thou shalt not injure a stranger, nor oppress him: for 21 ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Ye shall not 22 afflict any widow or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in 23 any manner, and they cry aloud to me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath shall be kindled, and I will kill 24 you with the sword; so that your wives may be widows, and your children fatherless. If thou lend money to a poor 25 neighbour, one of my people, thou shalt not be to him as a usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury. If thou at 26 all take in pledge thy neighbour's raiment, at the going down of the sun thou shalt deliver it to him; for that is his 27

only covering; it is his raiment for his skin; in it he must sleep: and when he crieth to me, I will hear; for I am gracious.

28 Thou shalt not revile the judges, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 The first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors, thou shalt not delay to offer. The first-born of thy sons shalt thou
30 give to me. Thus thou shalt do with thy oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it to me.

31 And ye shall be holy men to me; and flesh which hath been torn in the field ye shall not eat: ye shall cast it to the dogs.

1 CHAP. XXIII.—Thou shalt not raise a false report: thou shalt not join thy hands with a wicked man to be an
2 injurious witness. Thou shalt not follow the great to do evil; nor shalt thou incline towards the great, so as to per-
3 vert *judgment*; nor shalt thou be partial to a poor man in his cause.

4 When thou meetest the ox or the ass of thine enemy
5 going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him. When thou seest the ass of him who hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldst forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help him.

6 Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of thy poor in his
7 cause. Keep far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not; for I will not acquit the wicked.
8 And thou shalt not take a bribe; for a bribe blindeth the eyes of the clear-sighted, and perverteth the words of the
9 just. A stranger also thou shalt not oppress: for ye know the heart of a stranger, since ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather
11 in its produce, but the seventh *year* thou shalt let it rest and be free, that the poor of thy people may eat; and what they leave, let the beasts of the field eat. So shalt thou do
12 with thy vineyard, and with thy olive-yard. Six days mayest thou do thy work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest; in order that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid and the stranger may be refreshed.

13 And all that I have said to you, ye shall observe; but of

the name of other gods thou shalt make no mention : let it not be heard from thy mouth.

Three times in the year thou shalt keep a feast to me. 14
Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread. Thou shalt 15
eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, at
the time appointed in the month Abib; for in it thou
camest out from Egypt, and none shall appear before me
empty-handed; and the feast of harvest, of the first-fruits 16
of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field; and the
feast of in-gathering, at the end of the year, when thou hast
gathered in thy labours out of the field. Three times in the 17
year all thy males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah.
Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened 18
bread; nor shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the
morning. The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou 19
shalt bring into the house of Jehovah thy God. Thou
shalt not scethe a kid in its mother's milk.

Lo, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, 20
and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.
Give heed to him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; 21
for he will not pardon your transgressions, since my name
is in him. But if thou wilt attentively hearken to his voice, 22
and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to thine
enemies, and an adversary to thine adversaries. For my 23
Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the
Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Ca-
naanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I will cut
them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor 24
serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly
overthrow them, and break in pieces their images. And ye 25
shall serve Jehovah your God, and he will bless thy bread
and thy water, and I will take sickness away from the midst
of thee. And there shall be none that casteth her young 26
nor any barren one in thy land; the number of thy days I
will fill up. I will send my terror before thee, and will 27
trouble all the people to whom thou shalt come; and I will
make all thine enemies turn the back of their necks to thee.
And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out 28
the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.
I will not drive them out from before thee in one year, lest 29
the land become desolate, and the beasts of the field multi-
ply against thee: by little and little I will drive them out 30
from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the

31 land. And I will set thy boundaries from the Red Sea even
unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the
river; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into
your hand, and thou shalt drive them out from before thee.
32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their
33 gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make
thee sin against me; for if thou serve their gods it will
surely be a snare to thee."

1 CHAP. XXIV.—And he said to Moses, "Come up unto
Jehovah, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy
2 of the elders of Israel, and worship ye afar off. And Moses
alone shall come near Jehovah; but they shall not come
near, nor shall the people come up with him."

3 And Moses came, and told the people all the words and
all the ordinances of Jehovah; and all the people answered
with one voice, and said, "All the words which Jehovah hath
4 spoken we will do." And Moses wrote all the words of
Jehovah, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar
5 stones, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he
sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt-
offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen to Jehovah.
6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons, and
7 half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took
the book of the covenant, and read in the hearing of the
people, and they said, "All that Jehovah hath spoken we
8 will do, and be obedient." And Moses took the blood, and
sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Lo, the blood of the
covenant, which Jehovah hath made with you concerning all
these words."

9 Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and
10 seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of
Israel; and under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire,
11 and in brightness like the heavens themselves. And upon
the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also
12 they saw God, and did eat and drink. And Jehovah said
to Moses, "Come up to me to the mountain, and be there,
and I will give thee the tables of stone, the law, and the com-
mandments which I have written, that thou mayest teach
13 them." And Moses rose up, and his attendant Joshua;
14 and Moses went up to the mountain of God. And he said
to the elders, "Tarry ye here for us, until we come again

unto you ; and, lo, Aaron and Hur are with you ; whosoever hath any matter of dispute, let him apply to them.” And ¹⁵ Moses went up to the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. And the glory of Jehovah abode upon mount Sinai, ¹⁶ and the cloud covered it six days ; and the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the ¹⁷ sight of the glory of Jehovah was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain, in the sight of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and ascended ¹⁸ into the mountain ; and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

CHAP. XXV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, ¹ “Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring me an ² offering : from every one whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye ³ shall take of them ; gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, ⁴ and purple, and scarlet, and linen, and goats’ *hair*, and rams’ ⁵ skins dyed red, and seals’ skins, and setim-wood ; oil for the ⁶ light, spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet-smelling incense, onyx-stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and ⁷ in the breast-plate. And let them make for me a sanctuary, ⁸ that I may dwell amongst them. According to all that I ⁹ shew thee, *according to* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all its utensils, even so shall ye make it.

And they shall make an ark of setim-wood : two cubits ¹⁰ and a half *shall be* its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. And thou shalt ¹¹ overlay it with pure gold ; within and without thou shalt overlay it, and shalt make upon it a moulding of gold round about. And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and ¹² put them in the four corners of it ; two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side. And thou shalt make ¹³ poles of setim-wood, and overlay them with gold. And ¹⁴ thou shalt put the poles into the rings, by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. The poles shall ¹⁵ be in the rings of the ark ; they shall not be taken from it. And thou shalt put into the ark the testimonials, which I ¹⁶ shall give thee. And thou shalt make a lid of pure gold : ¹⁷ two cubits and a half *shall be* its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. And thou shalt make two cherubim ¹⁸ of gold, of solid work shalt thou make them, at the two ends of the lid. And make one cherub on the one ¹⁹

- end, and the other cherub on the other end of the mercy-seat; thou shalt make the cherubim at the two ends of it.
- 20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above, covering the lid with their wings, with their faces one toward another; toward the lid shall the faces of the cherubim be.
- 21 And thou shalt put the lid above upon the ark, and in the ark thou shalt put the testimonials that I shall give thee.
- 22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the lid, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimonials, concerning all the things which I shall give thee in charge to the children of Israel.
- 23 Thou shalt also make a table of setim-wood: two cubits *shall be* its length, and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and
- 24 a half its height. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold,
- 25 and make for it a moulding of gold round about. And thou shalt make for it a border of a hand-breadth round about, and thou shalt make a moulding of gold to its border
- 26 round about. And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners by its four feet.
- 27 Near the border shall the rings be, for places for the poles,
- 28 that the table may be carried. And thou shalt make the poles of setim-wood, and overlay them with gold, that the
- 29 table may be carried by them. And thou shalt make its dishes, and its incense-pots, and its cups, and its flagons, with which to pour *the drink offerings*; of pure gold shalt
- 30 thou make them. And thou shalt set upon the table shew-bread before me continually.
- 31 And thou shalt make a lamp-stand of pure gold; of solid work shall the lamp-stand be made: its shaft, and its branches, its cups, its knops, and its flowers shall be of the
- 32 same. And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the lamp-stand out of the one side, and three branches of the lamp-stand out of the other side:
- 33 three cups made like almonds, with a knop and a flower, in one branch; and three cups made like almonds with a knop and a flower in the other branch; so in the six branches
- 34 that come out of the lamp-stand. And in the lamp-stand *shall be* four cups made like almonds, *with* their knops and
- 35 their flowers; so *that there may be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that come out of the
- 36 lamp-stand. Their knops and their branches shall be of the

same, all of it one solid work of pure gold. And thou shalt make its seven lamps, and place its lamps, so that they may give light forwards. And its snuffers and its snuff-dishes *shall be of* pure gold; of a talent of pure gold shalt thou make it, with all these utensils. And see that thou make them after their pattern, which was shown to thee on the mountain.

CHAP. XXVI.—Thou shalt also make the tabernacle of ten curtains of twisted linen, blue, and purple, and scarlet; with cherubim curiously inwoven shalt thou make them. The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measure. Five curtains shall be joined one to another, and five *other* curtains shall be joined one to another. And thou shalt make loops of blue on the edge of the outmost curtain of one of the joined pieces; and thou shalt do the same on the edge of the outmost curtain in the second joined piece. Fifty loops shalt thou make on one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make on the edge of the outmost curtain of the second joined piece, the loops answering one to another. And thou shalt make fifty hooks of gold, and join the curtains together by the hooks, so that it may be one tabernacle.

And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. The length of each curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall have the same measure. And thou shalt join together five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double down the sixth curtain at the front of the tent. And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the outmost curtain of the joined piece, and fifty loops on the edge of the *outmost* curtain of the second joined piece. And thou shalt make fifty hooks of brass, and put the hooks into the loops, and join the tent together, that it may be one. And the excess of the tent curtains, the half of the exceeding curtain, shall hang over the back part of the tabernacle. And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side, of the excess in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of seals' skins.

15 And thou shalt make for the tabernacle boards of setim-
16 wood, standing upright. Ten cubits *shall be* the length of
each board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of
17 each board. Each board shall have two tenons, answering
one to the other : thus shalt thou make all the boards of the
18 tabernacle. And thou shalt make the boards for the
tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side, southward.
19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty
boards ; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and
20 two sockets under another board for its two tenons. And
for the other side of the tabernacle, northward, *thou shalt*
21 *make* twenty boards, and their forty sockets of silver ; two
sockets under one board, and two sockets under another
22 board. And for the side of the tabernacle westward thou
23 shalt make six boards. And two boards thou shalt make for
24 the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. And they
shall be coupled together at the bottom, and they shall be
coupled together at the top of it by one ring : thus shall it
be done with them both ; they shall be for the two corners.
25 Thus there shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver,
sixteen sockets ; two sockets under one board, and two
26 sockets under another board. And thou shalt make bars of
setim-wood ; five for the boards of the one side of the
27 tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the other side of
the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the
28 tabernacle, westward. And the middle bar at the middle of
29 the boards shall reach from end to end. And thou shalt
overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold
to be places for the bars ; and thou shalt overlay the bars
30 with gold. And thou shalt set up the tabernacle according
to the plan of it shown to thee on the mountain.

31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and twisted linen ; with cherubim of curious work
32 it shall be made. And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars
of setim-wood overlaid with gold, having their hooks of gold,
33 upon the four bases of silver. And thou shalt hang up the
veil under the hooks *of the curtains*, that thou mayest bring
in thither, within the veil, the ark of the testimonials ; and
the veil shall divide for you between the holy and the
34 most holy *place*. And thou shalt put the lid upon the ark
35 of the testimonials in the most holy *place*. And thou shalt
set the table without the veil, and the lamp-stand over against
the table on the side of the tabernacle towards the south ;

and thou shalt put the table on the side towards the north. And thou shalt make a hanging for the entrance of the ³⁵ tabernacle, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen of needle-work; and thou shalt make for the hanging five ³⁷ pillars of setim-wood, and overlay them with gold, *and* their hooks *shall be of* gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

CHAP. XXVII. — And thou shalt make an altar of setim- ¹ wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits. And thou ² shalt make the horns of it at its four corners: its horns shall be of the same piece; and thou shalt overlay it with brass. And thou shalt make its pans to move its ashes, and its ³ shovels, and its basons, and its flesh hooks, and its fire pans, all its utensils thou shalt make of brass. And thou shalt ⁴ make for it a grate of brazen lattice-work; and at the four corners of the lattice-work thou shalt make four brazen rings. And thou shalt put it below the band of the altar, ⁵ that the lattice-work may be at the middle of the altar. And thou shalt make the poles for the altar, poles of setim- ⁶ wood, and overlay them with brass. And the poles shall be ⁷ put into the rings, and the poles shall be upon the two sides of the altar when it is carried. Hollow with boards shalt ⁸ thou make it: as it was shown to thee on the mountain, so shall it be made.

And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the ⁹ south side, southward, *there shall be* hangings for the court of twisted linen, a hundred cubits long for one side. And ¹⁰ its twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets, *shall be* of brass: the hooks of the pillars and their rods *shall be of* silver. And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* ¹¹ hangings of a hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their rods of silver. And *for* the breadth of the court ¹² on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the ¹³ court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits. The ¹⁴ hangings on one side *shall be* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. And on the other side *shall* ¹⁵ *be* hangings, fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the gate of the court *shall be* a ¹⁶ hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet,

and twisted linen, wrought with needle-work; and their
 17 pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four. All the pillars
 round about the court *shall be* joined by rods of silver;
 their hooks *shall be* of silver, and their sockets of brass.
 18 The length of the court *shall be* a hundred cubits, and the
 breadth fifty cubits, and the height five cubits, of fine
 19 twisted linen, and their sockets of brass. *And thou shalt*
make all the vessels of the tabernacle for the whole of its
 service, and all its pins, and all the pins of the court, of
 brass.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they
 bring to thee pure olive-oil beaten for the light, to set up the
 21 lamp continually. In the tent of meeting, without the veil,
 which is before the testimonial-ark, Aaron and his sons shall
 set it in order from evening to morning before Jehovah. By
 a perpetual statute throughout their generations it *shall be*
required from the children of Israel.

1 CHAP. XXVIII. — And take thou to thee Aaron thy
 brother, and his sons with him, from among the children
 of Israel, that he may minister to me in the priest's office;
 Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, Aaron's
 2 sons. And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy
 3 brother, for honour and for beauty. And thou shalt speak
 to all wise-hearted men, whom I have filled with the spirit
 of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to sanctify
 4 him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office. And
 these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate,
 and an ephod, and a robe, and an embroidered inner gar-
 ment, a mitre, and a girdle; and they shall make holy gar-
 ments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may
 5 minister to me in the priest's office. And they shall take
 6 gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and linen. And
 they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and of purple,
 7 and of scarlet, and twisted linen, curiously woven. Its two
 shoulder-pieces shall be joined to it; at its two edges shall
 8 the joining be. And the curiously wrought girdle of the
 ephod, which is upon it, shall be of like work; *it shall pro-*
ceed from it, of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and
 9 twisted linen. And thou shalt take two onyx-stones, and
 10 engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, six of
 their names on one stone, and the six remaining names on
 11 the other stone, according to their birth. With the work

of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make for them sockets of gold. And ¹² thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the children of Israel; and Aaron shall bear their names before Jchovah upon his two shoulders for a memorial. And thou shalt make sockets of ¹³ gold, and two chains of pure gold of equal length; of ¹⁴ wreathed work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathed chains to the sockets.

And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment of ¹⁵ curiously woven work; like the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of twisted linen shalt thou make it. It shall be square, ¹⁶ doubled; a span in length, and a span in breadth. And ¹⁷ thou shalt set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of a carnelian, a topaz, and a carbuncle *shall be* the first row. And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sap- ¹⁸ phire, and a diamond. And the third row a ligure, an ¹⁹ agate, and an amethyst. And the fourth row a beryl, and an ²⁰ onyx, and a jasper: they shall be inclosed in sockets of gold. And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons ²¹ of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; each shall have its own name according to the twelve tribes. And thou shalt make upon the breast- ²² plate chains of wreathed work of pure gold. And thou ²³ shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate; and ²⁴ thou shalt put the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. And the *other* two ²⁵ ends of the two wreathed chains thou shalt fasten in the two sockets, and put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod in the front of it. And thou shalt make two rings of gold, ²⁶ and thou shalt put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the border of it, which is upon the side of the ephod inward. And two rings of gold thou shalt make, and ²⁷ shalt put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, toward the front of it over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curiously wrought girdle of the ephod. And they shall bind the breastplate by its rings to ²⁸ the rings of the ephod with a ribband of blue, that it may be above the curiously wrought girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. And Aaron ²⁹

shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth into the holy
30 *place*, for a memorial before Jehovah continually. And thou shalt put on the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before Jehovah; and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before Jehovah continually.

31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue;
32 and there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the middle of it; it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, like the hole of a coat of mail, that it may not
33 be rent. And *below*, upon the hem of it, thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem of it, and bells of gold between them round
34 about: a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.
35 And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministereth; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth into the holy *place* before Jehovah, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

36 And thou shalt make a petal of pure gold, and grave upon
37 it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO JEHOVAH. And thou shalt put it on a blue ribband, that it may be upon the
38 mitre: upon the front of the mitre it shall be. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel shall sanctify in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, to make them acceptable before Jehovah.

39 And thou shalt embroider the inner garment of linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of linen, but the girdle thou shalt
40 make of needle-work. And for the sons of Aaron thou shalt make inner garments, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and turbans shalt thou make for them, for honour and for
41 beauty. And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me
42 in the priest's office. And thou shalt make them linen drawers to cover their nakedness; from the loins to the
43 thighs they shall reach. And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come into the tent of meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die. *This shall be* a perpetual statute to him, and to his seed after him.

CHAP. XXIX.—And this is what thou shalt do to 1
them, to sanctify them, to minister to me in the priest's
office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without
blemish, and unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes tem- 2
pered with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil; of
wheaten flour shalt thou make them. And thou shalt put 3
them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with
the bullock and the two rams. And Aaron and his sons 4
thou shalt bring to the door of the tent of meeting, and
shalt wash them with water. And thou shalt take the gar- 5
ments, and clothe Aaron with the inner garment, and the
robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and
gird on him the ephod, with the curiously wrought girdle
of the ephod; and thou shalt put the mitre on his head, and 6
put the holy crown on the mitre. Then shalt thou take the 7
anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.
And thou shalt cause his sons to approach, and put inner 8
garments on them; and thou shalt gird them with girdles, 9
Aaron and his sons, and bind the turbans on them, and the
priest's office shall be theirs by a perpetual statute. And
thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons. And thou shalt 10
bring the bullock before the tent of meeting; and Aaron and
his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock.
And thou shalt slay the bullock before Jehovah at the door 11
of the tent of meeting. And thou shalt take some of the 12
blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar
with thy finger, and pour all *the rest of* the blood at the
bottom of the altar. And thou shalt take all the fat that 13
covereth the entrails, and the caul above the liver, and the
two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them
upon the altar. But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, 14
and his dung thou shalt burn with fire without the camp: it
is a sin-offering. Thou shalt also take the one ram; and Aaron 15
and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram.
And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, 16
and sprinkle it round about upon the altar. And thou 17
shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash his entrails, and his
legs, and put them upon his pieces, and upon his head.
And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a 18
burnt-offering to Jehovah; an acceptable odour, an offering
made by fire to Jehovah. And thou shalt take the other 19
ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the
head of the ram. Then shalt thou slay the ram, and take 20,

some of his blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the *rest of the* blood round
21 about upon the altar. And thou shalt take some of the blood that is upon the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him; and he shall be sanctified, and his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him. Thou
22 shalt also take from the ram the fat and the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the entrails, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder, (for it is a ram of consecra-
23 tion,) and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is
24 before Jehovah; and thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons, and shalt wave them
25 *for* a wave-offering before Jehovah. Then thou shalt take them from their hands, and burn them upon the altar with the burnt-offering, for an acceptable odour before Jehovah;
26 it is an offering made by fire to Jehovah. And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it *for* a wave-offering before Jehovah; and it shall be thy
27 portion. Thus thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, which hath been waved and the shoulder of the heave-offering, which hath been heaved, of the ram of the
28 consecration of Aaron, and of his sons; and it shall be for Aaron and his sons by a perpetual statute, from the children of Israel; for it is a heave-offering; and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their
29 peace-offerings, *even* their heave-offering to Jehovah. And the holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, that they may be anointed in them, and consecrated in
30 them. During seven days shall that son who is priest in his stead, who goes into the tent of meeting, to minister in
31 the sanctuary, put them on. And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.
32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the tent of
33 meeting, and they shall eat them, because by these an atonement was made to consecrate *and* to sanctify them; but a
34 stranger shall not eat of them, because they are holy. And

if aught of the flesh of the *ram* of consecration, or of the bread, remain until the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. And thus shalt thou do to Aaron, and to his sons, according ³⁵ to all that I have commanded thee: during seven days thou shalt consecrate them.

Thou shalt also offer every day a bullock *for* a sin-offering ³⁶ for atonement; and thou shalt cleanse the altar, by making an atonement for it; and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. During seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the ³⁷ altar, and sanctify it; then the altar shall be most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar must be holy. Now this *is* ³⁸ what thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year every day continually. The one lamb thou shalt offer ³⁹ in the morning, and the other lamb thou shalt offer in the evening; and with the one lamb a tenth part *of a measure* ⁴⁰ of flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. And the other lamb thou shalt offer in the evening, and ⁴¹ with it thou shalt offer the same meal-offering as in the morning, and the same drink-offering, for an acceptable odour, an offering made by fire to Jehovah, a perpetual ⁴² burnt-offering throughout your generations, at the door of the tent of meeting, before Jehovah; where I will meet you, to speak to thee there. And there I will meet with the chil- ⁴³ dren of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. And I ⁴⁴ will sanctify the tent of meeting, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. And I will dwell amongst the children of Israel, and ⁴⁵ will be their God. And they shall know that I Jehovah am ⁴⁶ their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt, that I may dwell amongst them: I Jehovah am their God.

CHAP. XXX.—And thou shalt make an altar to burn ¹ incense upon; of setim-wood thou shalt make it. Its length ² *shall be* a cubit, and its breadth a cubit; square shall it be; and its height *shall be* two cubits: its horns *shall be* of one piece with it. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, its ³ top, and its sides round about, and its horns; and thou shalt make for it a moulding of gold round about. And two rings ⁴ of gold shalt thou make for it under the moulding, by its two corners; on both its sides shalt thou make *them*; and they shall be for places for the poles by which it may be

5 carried. And thou shalt make the poles of setim-wood, and
6 overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put it before the
veil that is by the ark of the testimonials, before the lid that
7 is over the testimonials, where I will meet with thee. And
Aaron shall burn upon it sweet incense every morning:
when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon
8 it. And when Aaron lighteth the lamps in the evening,
he shall burn incense upon it; a perpetual incense before
9 Jehovah throughout your generations. Ye shall offer on it
no strange incense, or burnt-sacrifice, or meat-offering; nor
10 shall ye pour upon it a drink-offering. And Aaron shall
make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with
the blood of the sin-offering of atonements: once in a year
shall he make atonement upon it, throughout your genera-
tions: it is most holy to Jehovah.”

11 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “When thou takest
the sum of the children of Israel, after their number, then
shall they give every man a ransom for his soul to Jehovah,
when thou numberest them, that there be no plague amongst
13 them when they are numbered. This they shall give, every
one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a
shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary: (the shekel
is twenty gerahs:) a half shekel *shall be* the offering of
14 Jehovah. Every one that passeth among them that are num-
bered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give an
15 offering to Jehovah. The rich shall not give more, and the
poor shall not give less, than half a shekel, when *ye* give an
16 offering to Jehovah, for the ransom of your souls. And
thou shalt take the ransom-money of the children of Israel,
and shalt appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting,
that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before
Jehovah, for the ransom of your souls.”

17 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Thou shalt also
make a laver of brass, and its foot of brass, to wash in; and
thou shalt put it between the tent of meeting and the altar,
19 and thou shalt put water in it, that Aaron and his sons may
20 there wash their hands and their feet. When they go into
the tent of meeting, or when they come near to the altar to
minister, to burn *any* offering made by fire to Jehovah, they
21 shall wash with water and shall not die; they shall wash
their hands and their feet, and shall not die; and this shall
be a perpetual statute to them, to him and to his seed,
throughout their generations.”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Take thou also 22 to thee most excellent spices; of purest myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, *namely*, two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of sweet cane two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of cassia five hundred *shekels*, according 24 to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive-oil a hin; and 25 thou shalt make it a holy anointing-oil, compounded according to the art of the compounder: it shall be a holy anointing-oil. And with it thou shalt anoint the tent of meeting, 26 and the ark of the testimonials, and the table and all its 27 utensils, and the lamp-stand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt-offering with all its uten- 28 sils, and the laver and its foot. And thou shalt sanctify 29 them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. Thou shalt anoint Aaron also and his 30 sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. And thou shalt speak to the children 31 of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing-oil to me throughout your generations. Upon the flesh of men it 32 shall not be poured; nor shall ye make *any other* like it, according to the composition of it: it is holy, *and* it shall be holy to you. Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or who- 33 soever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall be cut off from his people.'

Again Jehovah said to Moses, "Take to thee sweet-smell- 34 ing spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, with pure frankincense; of each an equal quantity. And thou shalt 35 make it a perfume, compounded according to the art of the compounder, tempered together, pure *and* holy; and thou 36 shalt beat some of it very small, and put some of it before the testimonials in the tent of meeting, where I am to meet with thee: it shall be to you most holy. And ye shall not 37 make to yourselves any according to the composition of the perfume which thou shalt thus make: it shall be holy for Jehovah. He who shall make such as that, to smell to it, 38 shall be cut off from his people."

CHAP. XXXI.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1 "See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the 2 son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and I have filled him 3 with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to 4 embroider, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and 5

in engraving of stones, for setting, and in carving of wood,
 6 for making any kind of work. And lo, I have appointed
 with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of
 Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have
 put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded
 7 thee; the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimonials,
 and the lid that is upon it, and all the utensils of the tent,
 8 and the table and its utensils, and the lamp-stand of pure
 9 gold with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar
 10 of burnt-offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its
 foot, and the garments of service, and the holy garments for
 Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister
 11 in the priests's office, and the anointing-oil, and sweet-
 smelling incense for the sanctuary: according to all that I
 have commanded thee they shall do."

12 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Speak thou also
 to the children of Israel, saying, 'Verily my sabbaths ye
 shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout
 your generations, that ye may know that I Jehovah am he
 14 who sanctifieth you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore;
 for it is holy to you; every one that defileth it shall surely
 be put to death; for whosoever doeth *any* work on it, that
 15 soul shall be cut off from amongst his people. Six days
 may work be done; but on the seventh is the sabbath of
 rest, holy to Jehovah: whosoever doeth *any* work on the
 16 sabbath-day, he shall surely be put to death.' Wherefore
 the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the
 sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual cove-
 17 nant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for
 ever." For in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the
 earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of
 speaking with him upon mount Sinai, two testimonial-tables,
 tables of stone, written by the finger of God.

1 CHAP. XXXII.—And when the people saw that Moses
 delayed to come down from the mountain, the people ga-
 thered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him,
 "Come, make us gods, who may go before us; for as to
 that Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of
 2 Egypt, we know not what hath happened to him." And
 Aaron said to them, "Pluck out the golden rings, which
 are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your

daughters, and bring them to me." And all the people ³ plucked out the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received *the gold* at their ⁴ hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made of it a molten calf; and they said, "These are thy gods, O Israel, who have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and ⁵ Aaron made proclamation, and said, "To-morrow is a feast to Jehovah." And they rose up early on the morrow, and ⁶ offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

And Jehovah said to Moses, "Go, go down; for thy ⁷ people, whom thou broughtest up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: they have turned aside quickly ⁸ out of the way *in* which I commanded them *to go*: they have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are thy gods, O Israel, who have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.'" And Jehovah said to Moses, "I have ⁹ seen this people, and, lo, it is a stiff-necked people. Now ¹⁰ therefore let me alone, that my wrath may be kindled against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of thee a great nation." And Moses besought Jehovah, ¹¹ his God, and said, "O Jehovah, why should thy wrath be kindled against thy people, whom thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak saying, 'For ¹² evil he brought them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?' Turn from the heat of thine anger, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy ¹³ servants, to whom thou swarest by thy own self; and saidst to them, 'I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" Then Jehovah ¹⁴ repented of the evil which he had spoken of doing to his people. And Moses turned, and went down from the moun- ¹⁵ tain, with the two testimonial-tables in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides: on the one side and on the the other were they written. And the tables were the work ¹⁶ of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

And when Joshua heard the voice of the people as they ¹⁷

shouted, he said to Moses, "The sound of war is in the
18 camp." But *Moses* said, "It is not the sound of a shout
for victory, not the sound of a cry for being overcome; *but*
19 the sound of singing do I hear." And it came to pass when
he came nigh to the camp, and saw the calf, and the dancing,
that the anger of Moses was kindled, and he cast the tables
out of his hands, and brake them at the bottom of the
20 mountain. And he took the calf which they had made, and
burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed *it*
upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *of it*.
And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people to thee,
22 that thou hast brought upon them so great a sin?" And
Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord be kindled: thou
23 knowest the people, that they are prone to evil. For they
said to me, 'Make us gods who may go before us; for as to
that man Moses, who brought us up out of the land of
24 Egypt, we know not what hath happened to him.' And I
said to them, 'Whosoever hath any gold, let them pluck it
out.' So they gave it to me: then I cast it into the fire,
25 and there came out this calf." And when Moses saw that
the people were in disarray, (for Aaron had put them in dis-
array,) so that they might be slain by those who should rise
26 up against them, Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and
said, "Who is for Jehovah? *let him come to me.*" And all
the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.
27 And he said to them, "Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel,
'Put every man his sword by his side; go in and out from
gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his
brother, and every man his companion, and every man his
28 neighbour.' " And the children of Levi did according to
the command of Moses; and there fell of the people that
29 day about three thousand men. And Moses said, "Conse-
crate yourselves to-day to Jehovah, even every man upon his
son, and upon his brother, so as to obtain for yourselves a
blessing this day."
30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said to
the people, "Ye have committed a great sin; and now I
will go up to Jehovah: peradventure I may make an atone-
31 ment for your sin." And Moses returned to Jehovah, and
said, "Oh, this people have committed a great sin, and have
32 made them a god of gold; yet now, if thou wilt forgive
their sin—: but if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book
33 which thou hast written." And Jehovah said to Moses,

“Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Therefore now go, lead the people to *the place* 34 of which I have spoken to thee: lo, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.” And Jehovah sent a plague 35 amongst the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

CHAP. XXXIII.—And Jehovah said to Moses, “De- 1 part, go up hence, thou and the people whom thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘To thy seed will I give it:’ and I will send an Angel before thee; 2 and I will drive out the Canaanites, and the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, *and bring thee* into a land flowing with milk and 3 honey; but I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiff-necked people; lest I consume thee in the way.” And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned, 4 and no man put on him his ornaments. For Jehovah had 5 said to Moses, “Say to the children of Israel, Ye are a stiff-necked people: were I to go up in the midst of thee but for a moment, I should consume thee: therefore now put off thine ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do to thee.” So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their 6 ornaments by the mountain Horeb.

And Moses took the tent, and pitched it without the camp, 7 afar off from the camp, and called it The Tent of Meeting. And all who would consult Jehovah went out to the tent of meeting, which was without the camp. And it came to pass 8 when Moses went out to the tent, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent-door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tent. And as Moses 9 entered into the tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the tent, and Jehovah talked with Moses. And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand- 10 ing at the door of the tent; and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man at his tent-door. And Jehovah 11 spake to Moses face to face, as a man speaketh to his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tent.

And Moses said to Jehovah, “See, thou sayest to me, 12

‘Bring up this people;’ but thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, ‘I know thee by name, and thou hast also found favour in my sight.’
 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find favour in thy sight; and consider that this nation
 14 is thy people.” And he said, “My presence shall go *with*
 15 *thee*, and I will give thee rest.” And he said to him, “If
 16 thy presence go not with me, bring us not up hence. For by what now, shall it be known that I and thy people have found favour in thy sight? Is it not by thy going with us, that we may be distinguished, I and thy people, from all the
 17 people that are upon the face of the earth?” And Jehovah said to Moses, “I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken; for thou hast found favour in my sight, and I know
 18 thee by name.” And *Moses* said, “Shew me, I beseech thee,
 19 thy glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of Jehovah before thee; for I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and
 20 will shew mercy to whom I will shew mercy.” And he said, “Thou canst not see my face; for no man can see me and
 21 live.” And Jehovah said, “Lo, there is a place by me, and
 22 thou shalt stand upon a rock; and while my glory passeth by, I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee
 23 with my hand while I pass by; and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back; but my face may not be seen.”

1 CHAP. XXXIV.—And Jehovah said to Moses, “Hew thee two tables of stone like the first; and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which
 2 thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there
 3 to me on the top of the mountain. But let no one come up with thee, nor let any one be seen throughout all the mountain; let not even the flocks or herds feed about that moun-
 4 tain.” Then he hewed two tables of stone, like the first. And Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as Jehovah had commanded him, and took in
 5 his hand the two tables of stone. And Jehovah descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the
 6 name of Jehovah. And Jehovah passed by before him and proclaimed “Jehovah! Jehovah! a God merciful and gra-

cious, slow to anger, but abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, acquitting even him who is not innocent, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and to the fourth generation." And Moses made haste, and bowed himself toward the ground, and worshipped. And he said, "If now I have found favour in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go amongst us, although it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquities and our sins, and take us for thy possession." And *Jehovah* said, "Lo, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do wonders, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people amongst whom thou art, shall see the work of *Jehovah*; for it is a terrible thing that I will do by thee. Observe thou that which I command thee this day; lo, I drive out before thee the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Take heed to thyself, that thou make not a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be a snare in the midst of thee; but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves; for thou shalt worship no other god; for *Jehovah*, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. Take heed that thou make not a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they go astray after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and any one inviteth thee, that thou eat not of his sacrifice; and that thou take not of their daughters for thy sons, lest their daughters go astray after their gods, and make thy sons go astray after their gods. Molten gods thou shalt not make for thyself. The feast of unleavened bread thou shalt keep. Seven days, as I commanded thee, thou shalt eat unleavened bread, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. All that openeth the womb is mine; and every *male*-firstling among thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck; but every first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And let none appear before me empty-handed. Six days thou mayest work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: *even* in seed-time and in harvest thou shalt rest. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat-harvest, and

23 the feast of in-gathering at the year's end. Three times in
the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord Jehovah,
24 the God of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before
thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire
thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before Jehovah
25 thy God three times in the year. Thou shalt not offer
the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; nor shall the sacrifice
26 of the feast of passover be left until the morning. The
first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the
house of Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid
in its mother's milk."

27 And Jehovah said to Moses, "Write thou these words;
for after the tenor of these words I make a covenant with
28 thee and with Israel." And he was there with Jehovah
forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread nor
drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of
29 the covenant, the ten commandments. And it came to pass
when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two
tables of testimony in the hand of Moses, when he came
down from the mountain, that Moses knew not that the skin
of his face had become shining from *Jehovah* having talked
30 with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel
saw Moses, lo, the skin of his face was shining, and they
31 were afraid to come near him. And Moses called to them;
and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned
32 to him; and Moses talked with them. And afterward all
the children of Israel came near; and he gave them in com-
mandment all that Jehovah had spoken to him on mount Sinai.
33 And when Moses had done speaking with them, he put a
34 veil on his face. But when Moses went in before Jehovah
to speak with him, he took off the veil until he came out.
And he came out, and spake to the children of Israel that
35 which *Jehovah* commanded him. And the children of Israel
saw the face of Moses, that the skin of the face of Moses
shone; and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he
went in to speak with him.

1 CHAP. XXXV.—And Moses gathered all the congrega-
tion of the children of Israel together, and said to them,
"These are the things which Jehovah hath commanded you
2 to do. Six days may work be done; but on the seventh day
there shall be to you a holy-day, a sabbath of rest to Jeho-
vah: whosoever doeth work on it shall be put to death.

Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon 3
the sabbath-day."

And Moses spake to all the congregation of the children 4
of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which Jehovah hath
commanded, saying, 'Take ye from amongst you an offering 5
to Jehovah: let every one whose heart is willing bring an
offering to Jehovah, gold, and silver, and brass, and blue, 6
and purple, and scarlet, and linen, and goats' *hair*, and 7
rams' skins dyed red, and seals' skins, and setim-wood,
and oil for the light, and spices for the anointing-oil, and 8
for the sweet-smelling incense, and onyx-stones, and stones 9
to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. And let 10
every one who is wise-hearted among you come, and make
all that Jehovah hath commanded; the tabernacle, its tent, 11
and its covering, its hooks, and its boards, its bars, its
pillars, and its bases; the ark and its poles, *with* the lid, 12
and the veil of the covering; the table and its poles, and all 13
its utensils, and the shew-bread; the lamp-stand also for 14
the light, and its utensils, and its lamps, with the oil for the
light; and the incense-altar, and its poles, and the anointing- 15
oil, and the sweet-smelling incense, and the hanging for the
entrance of the tabernacle; the altar of burnt-offering, with 16
its brazen grate, its poles, and all its vessels; the laver and
its foot; the hangings of the court, its pillars, and their 17
bases, and the hanging for the gate of the court; the pins 18
of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords;
the garments of service, to be used in the sanctuary, and the 19
holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his
sons, when they minister in the priest's office.'" And all the 20
congregation of the children of Israel departed from the
presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart 21
inclined him, and every one whose spirit made him willing,
and they brought an offering to Jehovah for the work of the
tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy
garments. And they came, both men and women, every 22
one whose heart was willing, *and* brought clasps, and ear-
rings, and rings, and beads, all *kinds of* jewels of gold:
and every man who would offer an offering of gold to
Jehovah *brought it*. And every one who possessed blue, 23
and purple, and scarlet, and linen, and goats' *hair*, and
rams' skins dyed red, and seals' skins, brought them.
Every one who would offer an offering of silver or of brass, 24
brought it an offering to Jehovah: and every one who pos-

sessed setim-wood, for any work of the service, brought it.
 25 And all the women who were wise-hearted spun with their own hands, and brought that which they had spun, of blue,
 26 and of purple, and of scarlet, and of linen. And all the women whose heart inclined them spun skilfully goats' *hair*.
 27 And the chiefs brought onyx-stones, and stones to be set in
 28 the ephod, and in the breastplate: and spices, and oil for the light, and for the anointing-oil, and for the sweet-
 29 smelling incense. Thus the children of Israel brought a willing offering to Jehovah, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring, for all the work which
 30 Jehovah by Moses had commanded to be done. And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, Jehovah hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe
 31 of Judah; and he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in
 32 all manner of workmanship; and curiously to inweave; to
 33 work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in the engraving of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, for
 34 making any sort of curious work. And he hath made him willing to teach *others*; him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. Them hath he filled with wisdom
 35 of heart, to do every kind of work, of the engraver, and of him who curiously inweaves, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in linen, and of the weaver; of them who do any work, and of them who curiously inweave."

1 CHAP. XXXVI.—Then Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whom Jehovah had put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do every kind of work for the service of the sanctuary, did according to all that Jehovah hath commanded. And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart Jehovah had put wisdom, every one whose heart inclined him
 3 to come to the work to do it; and they received of Moses the whole offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work for the service of the sanctuary. And as they
 4 yet brought to him free-will-offerings every morning, all the wise men who wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came
 5 every one from his work which they were making, and spake to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which Jehovah hath commanded

to be done." Then Moses ordered that it should be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing. For the materials they had were more than sufficient for the making of all the work.

And every wise-hearted man, among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains of twisted linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubim curiously inwoven he made them. The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: the curtains had the same measure. Five curtains he joined one to another; and five curtains he joined one to another. And he made loops of blue on the edge of the outmost curtain of one of the joined pieces: *and* he did the same on the edge of the outmost curtain in the second joined piece. Fifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the outmost curtain of the second joined piece: the loops answering one to another. And he made fifty hooks of gold, and joined the curtains together by the hooks: so that it might be one tabernacle. And he made curtains of goats' *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven *such* curtains he made. The length of each curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of each curtain: the eleven curtains had the same measure. And he joined together five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. And he made fifty loops on the edge of the outmost curtain of the joined piece, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the *outmost* curtain of the second joined piece. And he made fifty hooks of brass to join the tent together, that it might be one. And he made a covering for the tent, of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of seals' skins. And he made for the tabernacle boards of setim-wood, to stand upright, ten cubits *was* the length of each board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. Each board had two tenons, answering one to the other: thus he made all the boards of the tabernacle. And he made the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side, southward. And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. And for the other side of the tabernacle, northward, he made twenty

26 boards, and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under
 27 one board and two sockets under another board. And for
 the side of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.
 28 And two boards he made for the corners of the tabernacle
 29 in the two sides. And they were coupled together at the
 bottom, and they were coupled together at the top by one
 30 ring: thus he did to both of them at the two corners. Thus
 there were eight boards; and their sockets of silver were
 31 sixteen, under every board two sockets. And he made bars
 of setim-wood: five for the boards of the one side of the
 32 tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the other side of
 the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle
 33 for the side westward. And he made the middle bar, to pass
 34 along the middle of the boards, from end to end. And he
 overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold
 to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
 35 And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and
 twisted linen: *with* cherubim of curious work he made it.
 36 And he made for it four pillars of setim-wood, and overlaid
 them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for
 37 them four sockets of silver. And he made a hanging for
 the entrance of the tabernacle, of blue, and purple, and
 38 scarlet, and twisted linen, of needle-work; and its five
 pillars, with their hooks: and he overlaid their capitals and
 their rods with gold; but their five sockets were of brass.

1 CHAP. XXXVII.—And Bezaleel made the ark of setim-
 wood: two cubits and a half *was* its length, and a cubit and
 2 a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. And
 he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made
 3 for it a moulding of gold round about. And he cast for it
 four rings of gold, for the four corners of it; two rings on
 the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.
 4 And he made poles of setim-wood, and overlaid them with
 5 gold. And he put the poles into the rings by the sides of
 6 the ark, that the ark might be carried *by them*. And he
 made the lid of pure gold: two cubits and a half *was* its
 7 length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. And he made
 two cherubim of gold, of solid work he made them, at the
 8 two ends of the lid: one cherub on the one end, and another
 cherub on the other end of the lid; he made the cherubim
 9 at the two ends of it. And the cherubim spread out their
 wings above, covering the lid with their wings, with their

faces one toward another; toward the lid were the faces of the cherubim. And he made the table of setim wood: two cubits *was* its length, and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made for it a moulding of gold round about. He also made for it a border of a hand-breadth round about; and he made a moulding of gold to its border round about. And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners by its four feet. Near the border were the rings, the places for the poles, that the table might be carried. And he made the poles of setim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, that the table might be carried *by them*. And he made the vessels which were upon the table, its dishes, and its incense-pots, and its flagons, and its cups, with which to pour *the drink-offerings*, of pure gold. And he made the lamp-stand of pure gold: of solid work he made the lamp-stand; its shaft, and its branches, its cups, its knops, and its flowers, were of the same: and six branches came out of the sides of it; three branches of the lamp-stand out of the one side, and three branches of the lamp-stand out of the other side: three cups made like almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three cups made like almonds, with a knop and a flower in the other branch; so in the six branches that came out of the lamp-stand. And in the lamp-stand *were* four cups made like almonds, with its knops, and its flowers; so that there was a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceeded out of it. Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it one solid work of pure gold. And he made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes, of pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold he made it, with all its utensils. And he made the incense altar of setim-wood. The length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; *so that it was* square; and two cubits *was* the height of it; its horns were of the same. And he overlaid it with pure gold, its top, and its sides round about, and its horns: and he made for it a moulding of gold round about. And two rings of gold he made for it under the moulding, by its two corners on both its sides, to be places for the poles, by which it might be carried. And he made the poles of setim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 And he made the holy anointing-oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the compounder.

1 CHAP. XXXVIII.—And he made the altar of burnt-offering of setim-wood: five cubits *was* its length, and five cubits its breadth, *so that it was* square, and its height *was* 2 three cubits. And he made the horns of it at its four corners: its horns were of one piece with it: and he over- 3 laid it with brass. And he made all the utensils of the altar, its pans, and its shovels, and its basons, and its flesh-hooks, 4 and its fire-pans: all its utensils he made of brass. And he made for the altar a grate of brazen lattice-work, below the 5 band down to the middle of *the altar*. And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for 6 the poles. And he made the poles of setim-wood, and over- 7 laid them with brass. And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, that it might be carried by them: 8 he made the altar hollow with boards. And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the mirrors of *the women* assembling, who assembled *at* the door of the tent of meeting.

9 And he made the court: on the south side southward, the hangings of the court *were* of twisted linen a hundred 10 cubits: their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their rods *were* of 11 silver. And for the north side *the hangings were* a hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty: the hooks of the pillars and their rods of silver. 12 And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars 13 and their rods of silver. And for the east side eastward, 14 *the breadth of which was* fifty cubits, the hangings of one side of *the gate were* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and 15 their sockets three. And for the other side of the court-gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen 16 cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. All the hangings of the court round about *were* of twisted linen. 17 And the sockets for the pillars *were* of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their rods of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals of silver: and all the pillars of the court 18 had rods of silver. And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needle-work, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen; and twenty cubits *was* the length, and the

breadth *was* five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court. And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their rods of silver. And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, *were* of brass.

This is the sum of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of meeting, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the service of the Levites, by Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest. And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses. And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a weaver of curious work, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen. All the gold that was employed for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary (which was the gold of the offering), was twenty-nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. And the silver of those who were numbered of the congregation, *was* a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: a bekah, *that is*, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for every man, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, being six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty. And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. And of the thousand seven hundred and seventy-five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and made rods for them. And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels. And of this he made the sockets for the door of the tent of meeting, and the brazen altar, and the brazen gate for it, and all the vessels of the altar, and the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAP. XXXIX.—And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made garments of service, to do service in the sanctuary, and they made the holy garments for Aaron; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he made the ephod

of gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen.
3 And they beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it* into wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the linen, with curiously inwoven work.
4 They made shoulder-pieces for *the ephod* to join *it* together:
5 at the two edges it was joined together. And the curiously wrought girdle of the ephod, which was upon it, *was* of the same, according to its work of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen; as Jehovah had commanded
6 Moses. And they wrought onyx-stones set in sockets of gold, engraven, as signets are engraven, with the names of
7 the children of Israel. And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they might be* stones of memorial for the children of Israel; as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
8 And he made the breastplate of curiously inwoven work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen. It was square; they made the breastplate double: a span in length, and a span in
9 breadth, *when* doubled. And they set in it four rows of stones: a row of a carnelian, a topaz, and a carbuncle was the
10 first row. And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and
11 an amethyst. And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in sockets of gold. And the
12 stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; each *had* its own name, according to the twelve
13 tribes. And they made upon the breastplate chains of equal length, *of* wreathed work of pure gold. And they
14 made two sockets of gold, and two rings of gold; and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. And
15 they put the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. And the *other* two ends of
16 the two wreathed chains they fastened in the two sockets, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod in the
17 front of it. And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, on the border of
18 it, which was upon the joining of the ephod inward. And they made two *other* rings of gold, and put them on the
19 two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, toward the front of it, over against the *other* coupling above the girdle
20 of the ephod. And they bound the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a ribband of blue, that it might

be above the curiously wrought girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod : as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. And *there was* a hole in the robe, in the middle of it, as the hole of a coat of mail, *with* a binding round about the hole, that it might not be rent. And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twisted linen. And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells upon the hem of the robe, between the pomegranates round about ; a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about to minister *in* ; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And they made tunics of linen, of woven work, for Aaron and for his sons ; and a mitre of linen, and beautiful turbans of linen, and linen drawers of twisted linen ; and a girdle of twisted linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needle-work ; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And they made the petal of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO JEHOVAH. And they fastened to it a ribband of blue, to fasten it above upon the mitre ; as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

Thus was all the work of the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, finished : for the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses ; so they did. And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furniture, its hooks, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets. And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of seals' skins, and the veil of the covering, the ark of the testimonials, and its poles, and the lid, the table and all its furniture, and the shew-bread, the lamp-stand of pure *gold*, its lamps, *its* lamps to be set in order, and all its furniture, and the oil for light, and the golden altar, and the anointing-oil, and the sweet-smelling incense, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle ; the brazen altar, and its grate of brass, its poles, and all its utensils, the laver and its foot ; the hangings of the court, and its pillars, and its sockets ; and the hanging for the court gate, its cords, and its pins, and all the furniture for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting ; the garments of service to be used in the sanctuary, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister in the priest's

42 office. According to all that Jehovah had commanded
43 Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. And
Moses looked upon all the work, and, lo, they had done it
as Jehovah had commanded, even so had they done it: and
Moses blessed them.

1 CHAP. XL.—Then Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
2 “On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the
3 tabernacle, the tent of meeting. And in it thou shalt put
the ark of the testimonials, and screen the ark with the
4 veil. And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order
the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou
5 shalt bring in the lamp-stand, and put on its lamps. And
thou shalt set the golden altar of incense before the ark of
the testimonials, and put up the hanging of the entrance
6 of the tabernacle. And thou shalt set the altar of the
burnt-offering before the entrance of the tabernacle, the
7 tent of meeting. And thou shalt set the laver between the
tent of meeting and the altar, and shalt put water into it.
8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up
9 the hanging at the gate of the court. Then thou shalt take
the anointing-oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is
in it, and shalt sanctify it, and all its furniture: and it shall
10 be holy. And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering,
and all its furniture, and sanctify the altar: and it shall
11 be an altar most holy. And thou shalt anoint the laver and
12 its foot, and sanctify it. Thou shalt then bring Aaron and
his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and wash them
13 with water. And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy
garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may
14 minister to me in the priest’s office. And thou shalt bring
15 his sons, and clothe them with tunics: and thou shalt anoint
them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may
minister to me in the priest’s office: and this shall be done
that their anointing may be to them for a perpetual priest-
16 hood, throughout their generations.” Thus did Moses: according
to all that Jehovah commanded him, so he did.
17 Now it came to pass in the first month, in the second
year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was
18 erected. And Moses set up the tabernacle, and fixed its
sockets, and placed its boards, and put in its bars, and set
19 up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle,
and over this he put the covering of the tent, as Jehovah

had commanded Moses. And he took the testimonials and 20 put them into the ark, and set the poles to the ark, and put the lid above upon the ark. And he brought the ark into 21 the tabernacle, and hung up the veil of the covering, and concealed the ark of the testimonials; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he placed the table in the tent of 22 meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil. And he set the bread in order upon it before 23 Jehovah; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he put 24 the lamp-stand in the tent of meeting, opposite to the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. And he 25 put on the lamps before Jehovah; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he put the golden altar in the tent 26 of meeting, before the veil: and he burnt sweet-smelling 27 incense on it; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And 28 he put up the hanging at the entrance of the tabernacle. And he put the altar of burnt-offering *before* the entrance 29 of the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meal-offering; as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he set the laver between the tent 30 of meeting and the altar, and put water there, to wash with; and Moses and Aaron and his sons there washed their hands 31 and their feet. When they went into the tent of meeting, 32 and when they came near the altar, they washed, as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And he set up the court round 33 about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the gate of the court.

When Moses had finished the work, a cloud covered the 34 tent of meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. So that Moses was not able to enter into the tent 35 of meeting, because the cloud rested on it, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. When the cloud was taken 36 up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys; but when the cloud was not 37 taken up, then they journeyed not till the day in which it was taken up. For the cloud of Jehovah *was* upon the 38 tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS.

1 CHAP. I.—And Jehovah called to Moses, and spake to
2 him from the tent of meeting, saying, “Speak to the chil-
dren of Israel, and say to them, ‘If any of you will bring
an offering to Jehovah from the cattle; from the herd or
3 from the flock ye shall bring your offering. If his offering
be a burnt-offering from the herd, let him offer a male with-
out blemish: he shall offer it at the door of the tent of
4 meeting, for his acceptance before Jehovah. And he shall
lay his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering; and it
5 shall be accepted for him, to make atonement for him. And
he shall slay the bullock before Jehovah: and the priests, the
sons of Aaron, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood
round about upon the altar which is by the door of the tent
6 of meeting. And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it
7 in pieces. Then the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire
8 upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire; and
the priests, the sons of Aaron, shall lay the pieces, the head,
and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire upon
9 the altar; but its entrails and its legs shall he wash in water;
and the priest shall burn all on the altar, as a burnt-offering,
an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah.
10 And if his offering be a burnt-offering from the flocks,
from the sheep or from the goats he shall bring it, a male
11 without blemish. And he shall slay it on the side of the
altar northward before Jehovah: and the priests, the sons of
Aaron, shall sprinkle its blood round about upon the altar:
12 and he shall cut it in pieces, and these, with its head and its
fat, the priest shall lay in order on the wood that is on the fire
13 upon the altar. But he shall wash the entrails and the legs
with water; and the priest shall bring the whole, and burn
it upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by
fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah.

But if his burnt-offering to Jehovah be an offering from ¹⁴ the birds, then he shall bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons. And the priest shall bring it to the altar, ¹⁵ and pinch off its head, and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be wrung out at the side of the altar; and he ¹⁶ shall pluck out its crop with its contents, and cast it beside the altar, on the eastern part, by the place of the ashes; and ¹⁷ he shall cleave it with its wings, but shall not divide it asunder; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is on the fire: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah.

CHAP. II.—And if any one will offer a meal-offering to ¹ Jehovah, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour upon it oil, and put upon it frankincense. And he ² shall bring it to the priests, the sons of Aaron; and he shall take from it his handful of the flour, and of the oil, with all the frankincense, and the priest shall burn *them as* a memorial of it upon the altar, an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah; and the remainder of the meal-³ offering shall be for Aaron and his sons: the most holy of the offerings made by fire to Jehovah. And if thou bring ⁴ an offering of a meal-offering baked in an oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. And if a meal-offering on a pan ⁵ be thy offering, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil. Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour upon it oil: ⁶ it is a meal-offering. And if a meal-offering baked on a ⁷ plate be thy offering, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. And thou shalt bring the meal-offering which is made of ⁸ these things to Jehovah; and when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. And the priest shall ⁹ take from the meal-offering a memorial of it, and shall burn it upon the altar, as an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah; and the remainder of the meal-offering ¹⁰ shall be for Aaron and his sons: the most holy of the offerings made by fire to Jehovah. No meal-offering, which ye ¹¹ shall bring to Jehovah, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, or honey, in any offering made by fire to Jehovah. As first-fruit-offerings, ye may offer them to ¹² Jehovah; but they shall not be burnt on the altar for an acceptable odour. And every offering of thy meal-offering ¹³ thou shalt season with salt; neither shalt thou withhold the

salt of the covenant of thy God from thy meal-offerings :
 14 with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. And if thou
 offer a meal-offering of first-fruits to Jehovah, thou shalt
 offer, for the meal-offering of thy first-fruits, green ears of
 15 corn roasted at the fire, or corn rubbed out of full ears. And
 thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay upon it frankincense : it
 16 is a meal-offering. And the priest shall burn, as a memo-
 rial of it, some of the corn rubbed out *of the ear*, and some
 of the oil, with all its frankincense : it is an offering made
 by fire to Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. III.—And if a sacrifice of peace-offering be the
 offering of any one, if he offer it from the herd, whether
 male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before Jeho-
 2 vah. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offer-
 ing, and slay it at the door of the tent of meeting ; and the
 priests, the sons of Aaron, shall sprinkle the blood round
 3 about upon the altar. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of
 the peace-offering, *as* an offering made by fire to Jehovah :
 the fat that covereth the entrails, and all the fat that is upon
 4 the entrails, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on
 them, which is by the loins, and the caul above the liver, to-
 5 gether with the kidneys, he shall take away ; and the sons
 of Aaron shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice,
 which is upon the wood that is on the fire, *as* an offering
 made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah.
- 6 And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offering to Je-
 hovah be from the flock, male or female, he shall offer it
 7 without blemish. If he offer a lamb for his offering, then
 8 shall he offer it before Jehovah. And he shall lay his hand
 upon the head of his offering, and slay it before the tent of
 meeting ; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood of
 9 it round about upon the altar. And he shall offer of the
 sacrifice of the peace-offering, as an offering made by fire to
 Jehovah : its fat, and the whole of the fat tail, which he
 shall take off close to the rump, and the fat that covereth the
 10 entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, and the two
 kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the
 loins, and the caul above the liver, together with the kidneys,
 11 he shall take away ; and the priest shall burn *them* upon the
 altar, *as* the food of the offering made by fire to Jehovah.
- 12 And if his offering be a goat, then he shall offer it before
 13 Jehovah. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it,

and slay it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood round about upon the altar. And of it he shall offer his offering, an offering made by fire 14 to Jehovah: the fat that covereth the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, and the two kidneys, and the fat 5 that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul above the liver, together with the kidneys, he shall take away, and 16 the priest shall burn them upon the altar, *as the food of the offering made by fire, for an acceptable odour.* All the fat is Jehovah's. *This shall be a perpetual statute for your genera- 17 tions, throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.'*"

CHAP. IV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Speak 2 to the children of Israel, saying, 'If any one have sinned through ignorance and done any one of those things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done: if the anointed 3 priest have sinned so as to bring guilt upon the people, he shall bring to Jehovah, for his sin which he hath committed, a young bullock without blemish for a sin-offering. And he 4 shall bring the bullock to the door of the tent of meeting before Jehovah; and shall lay his hand upon the head of the bullock, and slay the bullock before Jehovah. And the 5 anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bullock, and bring it to the tent of meeting; and the priest shall dip 6 his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times before Jehovah, before the veil of the sanctuary. Then the priest shall put some of the blood 7 upon the horns of the altar of sweet-incense before Jehovah, which is in the tent of meeting; and shall pour all the *rest of the* blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting. And he shall take off from the bullock all the fat, for 8 the sin-offering; the fat that covereth the entrails, and all the fat that is upon the entrails, and the two kidneys, and 9 the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul above the liver, together with the kidneys, he shall take away, as it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of 10 peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering. And the skin of the bullock, 11 and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his entrails, and his dung, even the whole bullock shall he carry 12 forth without the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are

poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any thing which Jehovah hath com-
 14 manded not to be done, and are guilty; and the sin, which they have committed, becomes known, the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the
 15 tent of meeting. And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before Jeho-
 16 vah; and the bullock shall be slain before Jehovah. And the anointed priest shall bring some of the blood of the bullock
 17 to the tent of meeting; and the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before Jeho-
 18 vah, before the veil. And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before Jehovah in the tent of meeting, and shall pour out all the *rest of the* blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which is at
 19 the door of the tent of meeting. And he shall take all his fat
 20 from him, and burn it upon the altar. And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the *other* bullock for a sin-offering, so shall he do with this; thus the priest shall make an atone-
 21 ment for them, and it shall be forgiven them. And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin-offering for the congregation.

22 When a ruler hath sinned, and, through ignorance, hath done any thing which Jehovah his God hath commanded not
 23 to be done, and is guilty; when his sin, which he hath committed, cometh to his knowledge, he shall bring for his offer-
 24 ing, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and slay it in the place where they slay the burnt-offering before Jehovah:
 25 it is a sin-offering. And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out *the rest of* his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering.
 26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: thus the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 And if any one of the people of the land sin through ignorance, by doing any one of those things which Jehovah

hath commanded not to be done, and he guilty; when his ²⁸ sin, which he hath committed, cometh to his knowledge, he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin, which he hath committed. And he shall ²⁹ lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay the sin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering. And the ³⁰ priest shall take some of the blood of it with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all *the rest of* the blood at the bottom of the altar. And he shall take away all the fat of it, as the fat is taken ³¹ away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, for an acceptable odour to Jehovah: thus the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him. And if he bring a lamb for a sin- ³² offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish. And ³³ he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and it shall be slain for a sin-offering, in the place where they slay the burnt-offering. And the priest shall take some of ³⁴ the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all *the rest of* the blood of it at the bottom of the altar. And he shall take away all the fat of it, as the fat of the ³⁵ lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to Jehovah: thus the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAP. V.—And if any one having heard the voice of ¹ adjuration, shall not bear witness concerning what he hath seen or known, *and thus* commit sin, he shall bear his iniquity; or if any one have touched any unclean thing, ² whether *it be* the carcase of an unclean wild beast, or the carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of an unclean reptile, and it be hidden from him; and he become unclean, and guilty: or if he have touched uncleanness in man, any ³ uncleanness by which a man may be defiled, and it be hidden from him; when he knoweth it, he shall be guilty: or if any one have rashly sworn with his lips to do evil, or ⁴ to do good, with regard to any thing that a man may rashly swear, and it be hidden from him; when he knoweth it, he shall be guilty in one of these. When he shall have be- ⁵ come guilty in one of these things, he shall confess that he

- 6 hath sinned in that thing. And he shall bring his trespass-offering to Jehovah, for his sin which he hath committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering: thus the priest shall make an atonement for
7 him concerning his sin. And if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring, for his trespass which he hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to Jehovah; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.
8 And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and pinch off its head
9 from its neck, but shall not divide *the bird* asunder. And he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin-offering.
10 And he shall offer the second for a burnt-offering, according to the ordinance: thus the priest shall make an atonement for him, for his sin which he hath committed, and it shall be
11 forgiven him. But if he cannot afford two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then he who sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour, for a sin-offering: he shall put no oil upon it, nor shall he put *any*
12 frankincense upon it, for it is a sin-offering. Then he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take from it his handful, *as* a memorial of it, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to Jehovah: it is a sin-
13 offering. Thus the priest shall make an atonement for the sin of any one who may have been guilty in one of these things, and it shall be forgiven him: and *the remainder* shall be the priest's, as a meal-offering.'"
15 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "If any one have transgressed, and sinned through ignorance in *any of* the holy things of Jehovah; then he shall bring to Jehovah his trespass-offering, a ram without blemish from the flock, by thy valuation in shekels of silver, according to the shekel of
16 the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering. And he shall restore that with respect to which he had sinned, in the holy things, and shall add to it the fifth part and give it to the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and it shall be forgiven him.
17 And if any one sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of Jehovah; though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his
18 iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish from

the flock, by thy valuation, for a trespass-offering, to the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance in which he erred, and knew it not; and it shall be forgiven him. It is a trespass-offering: he 19 hath certainly trespassed against Jehovah."

CHAP. VI.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "If 2 any one have sinned and transgressed against Jehovah, by denying to his neighbour a trust or a deposit, or by any thing taken away by violence, or have defrauded his neighbour; or have found that which was lost, and denieth it, 3 and sweareth falsely concerning any one of those things in respect of which men may sin; then because he hath sinned, 4 and is guilty, he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was entrusted to him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, or whatever it be concerning which he hath sworn 5 falsely; he shall even restore it in its original state, and shall add to it a fifth part more, and give it to him to whom it appertaineth, in the day *when he offereth* his trespass-offering. And he shall bring his trespass-offering to Jehovah, a 6 ram without blemish from the flock, by thy valuation, for a trespass-offering, to the priest: thus the priest shall make 7 an atonement for him before Jehovah; and it shall be forgiven him in respect of whatever he had done, so as to be guilty therein."

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Command Aaron 9 and his sons, saying, 'This is the law concerning the *daily* burnt-offering: The burnt-offering shall be on the fire-place of the altar during the whole night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning on it. Then the priest 10 shall put on his linen garment, and his linen drawers he shall put upon his flesh, and shall take up the ashes of the burnt-offering which the fire hath consumed on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. He shall then put 11 off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp, to a clean place. But the 12 fire upon the altar shall be burning on it, it shall not be put out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it; he shall also burn upon it the fat of the peace-offerings. The fire shall 13 be continually burning upon the altar: it shall never go out.

And this is the law concerning the *daily* meal-offering: 14

The sons of Aaron shall offer it before Jehovah, before the
15 altar. And he shall take from it his handful of the fine flour
of the meal-offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense
which is upon the meal-offering, and shall burn them upon
the altar, an acceptable odour, a memorial of it to Jehovah.
16 And the remainder of it Aaron and his sons shall eat: unleavened shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of
17 the tent of meeting they shall eat it. It shall not be baked with leaven: I have given it *to them* as their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin-offering,
18 and as the trespass-offering. All the males among the children of Aaron may eat of it. *This shall be* a perpetual statute in your generations, concerning the offerings of Jehovah made by fire: every one that toucheth them must be holy.’”

20 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to Jehovah on the day in which he shall be anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a continual meal-offering, half of it in the morning, and half of it in the evening.
21 In a pan it shall be prepared with oil; *and when it* hath been fried, thou shalt bring it cut in pieces, and offer it, a
22 meal-offering, an acceptable odour to Jehovah. And the priest who shall be anointed in his stead from among his sons shall offer it, according to a perpetual statute to Jehovah; it shall be wholly burnt. And every meal-offering of the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.”

25 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘This is the law concerning the sin-offering: In the place where the burnt-offering is slain shall the sin-offering be slain before Jehovah: it is most holy.
26 The priest that offereth the sin-offering shall eat it; in a holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tent of
27 meeting. Every one who toucheth its flesh must be holy; and when any of its blood is sprinkled upon any garment, that on which it hath been sprinkled shall be washed in a
28 holy place. And the earthen vessel in which it hath been seethed shall be broken; but if it be seethed in a brazen
29 vessel, it shall be scoured, and rinsed in water. All the males among the priests may eat of it: it is most holy.
30 But no sin-offering, of which part of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting, as an atonement in the sanctuary, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.—And this is the law concerning the trespass-offering : it is most holy. In the place where they slay the burnt-offering shall they slay the trespass-offering : and the blood of it he shall sprinkle round about upon the altar. And *the priest* shall offer of it all its fat ; the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the entrails, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul above the liver, together with the kidneys, shall he take away ; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, an offering made by fire to Jehovah : it is a trespass-offering. Every male among the priests may eat of it : it shall be eaten in the holy place : it is most holy. For the sin-offering and for the trespass-offering, there is one law : the priest that maketh atonement by them shall have *them*. And the priest that offereth the burnt-offering of any one, that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered. And every meal-offering that is baked in an oven, and every one that is prepared on a hearth, or in a pan, shall belong to the priest that offereth it. And every meal-offering, mingled with oil or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one *as much* as to another.

And this is the law concerning the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which *any one* shall offer to Jehovah. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes of fine flour, fried, mingled with oil. With the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace-offerings. And of it he shall offer one out of the whole offering for a heave-offering to Jehovah ; it shall be for the priest that sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings. And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the same day in which it is offered ; no part of it shall be left until the morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering be for a vow, or for a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice ; and on the morrow also the remainder of it may be eaten ; but the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire. And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be reckoned to him that offereth it : it shall be abominable, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear

19 his iniquity. And if the flesh have touched any *thing* unclean, it shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire.
 20 Every one who is clean may eat the flesh; but the soul that eateth *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings which *are offered* to Jehovah, having his uncleanness upon
 21 him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. The soul also that shall touch any unclean *thing*, as the uncleanness of man, or *any* unclean beast, or any unclean reptile, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings which *are offered* to Jehovah, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.’ ”

23 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘Ye shall eat no fat, of ox, or
 24 of sheep, or of goat. The fat of the beast that hath died of itself, and the fat of that which hath been torn by beasts, may be applied to any other use; but ye shall on no account
 25 eat it. For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire to Jehovah, even the soul
 26 that eateth it shall be cut off from his people. Nor shall ye eat any blood, of bird, or of beast, in any of your dwellings.
 27 Whosoever shall eat any blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.’ ”

29 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings to Jehovah, shall bring his offering to
 30 Jehovah of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings. His own hands shall bring the offerings of Jehovah made by fire; the fat with the breast shall he bring, that the breast
 31 may be waved a wave-offering before Jehovah. And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall
 32 be for Aaron and his sons. The right shoulder also ye shall give to the priest, a heave-offering of the sacrifices of your
 33 peace-offerings. He among the sons of Aaron, who offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the
 34 right shoulder for *his* portion. For the wave-breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them from the children of Israel, to Aaron the priest and to his
 35 sons, by a perpetual statute.’ ” This is the portion of Aaron, and the portion of his sons, out of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, *appointed* on the day in which *Moses* presented them to minister to Jehovah in the priest’s
 36 office; which Jehovah commanded to be given to them by

the children of Israel, in the day in which *Moses* anointed them, *by* a perpetual statute throughout their generations.

This is the law concerning the burnt-offering, and the 37 meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering, and the consecration-offerings, and the sacrifice of the peace-offerings, which Jehovah commanded Moses on Mount Sinai, 38 in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their offerings to Jehovah, in the desert of Sinai.

CHAP. VIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
 “Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments, and 2
 the anointing-oil, and the bullock for a sin-offering, and the
 two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; and gather 3
 thou all the congregation together to the door of the tent of
 meeting.” And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him; 4
 and the congregation was gathered together to the door of
 the tent of meeting. And Moses said to the congregation, 5
 “This is what Jehovah hath commanded to be done.” Then 6
 Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with
 water. And he put upon him the tunic, and girded him 7
 with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put on
 him the ephod, and girded him with the curiously wrought
 girdle of the ephod, and with it bound it upon him. And 8
 he put the breastplate upon him; and on the breastplate he
 put the Urim and the Thummim. And he put the mitre on 9
 his head; and on the mitre, on his forehead, he put the golden
 petal, the holy crown, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
 And Moses took the anointing-oil, and anointed the taber- 10
 nacle, and all that was in it; so he sanctified them. And he 11
 sprinkled some of *the oil* upon the altar seven times, and
 anointed the altar, and all its vessels, both the laver and its
 foot, to sanctify them. And he poured some of the anoint- 12
 ing-oil upon the head of Aaron, and anointed him, in order
 to sanctify him. Moses also brought the sons of Aaron, and 13
 clothed them with tunics, and girded them with girdles, and
 put turbans upon them, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
 He then brought the bullock for the sin-offering; and Aaron 14
 and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock
 for the sin-offering. And he slew it; and Moses took the 15
 blood, and put *some of* it upon the horns of the altar round
 about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured *the*
rest of the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified

16 it, to make atonement for it. And he took all the fat that
was upon the entrails, and the caul above the liver, and the
two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned them upon the
17 altar. But the bullock and his skin, his flesh and his dung,
he burnt with fire without the camp, as Jehovah had com-
18 manded Moses. He then brought the ram for the burnt-
offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the
19 head of the ram. And he slew it; and Moses sprinkled the
20 blood round about upon the altar. And he cut the ram in
pieces, and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the
21 fat. And he washed the entrails and the legs in water; and
Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-
offering for an acceptable odour, an offering made by fire to
22 Jehovah, as Jehovah had commanded Moses. He then
brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron
23 and his sons laid their hands upon the ram. And he slew it;
and Moses took some of the blood of it, and put it upon the
tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right
24 hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. And he
brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put some of the blood upon
the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right
hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet; and Moses
sprinkled *the rest of* the blood round about upon the altar.
25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was
upon the entrails, and the caul above the liver, and the two
26 kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder; and out of
the basket of unleavened bread, which was before Jehovah,
he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread,
and one wafer, and put them upon the fat, and upon the
27 right shoulder; and he placed all in the hands of Aaron, and
in the hands of his sons, and waved them *for* a wave-offer-
28 ing before Jehovah. Then Moses took them from their hands
and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they
were consecration-offerings for an acceptable odour, an offer-
29 ing made by fire to Jehovah. And Moses took the breast,
and waved it *for* a wave-offering before Jehovah; *for* of the
ram of consecration it was the portion of Moses; as Jehovah
30 had commanded Moses. And Moses took some of the anoint-
ing-oil, and some of the blood which was upon the altar,
and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and
upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him,
and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and
31 the garments of his sons with him. And Moses said to

Aaron, and to his sons, "Seethe the flesh at the door of the tent of meeting, and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecration, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' And that which remaineth of the 32 flesh and of the bread ye shall burn with fire. And ye shall 33 not go from the door of the tent of meeting during seven days, until the days of your consecration be ended; for during seven days must ye be consecrated. According to what hath 34 been done this day, so Jehovah hath commanded to be done, to make an atonement for you. Therefore shall ye abide at 35 the door of the tent of meeting day and night, during seven days, and observe the ordinance of Jehovah, that ye die not; for so I am commanded." So Aaron and his sons did all 36 things which Jehovah had commanded by Moses.

CHAP. IX.—And on the eighth day, Moses called Aaron 1 and his sons, and the elders of Israel, and said to Aaron, 2 "Take thee a calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer them before Jehovah. And to the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, 3 'Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin-offering, and a calf, and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering; also a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings, 4 to be sacrificed before Jehovah, and a meal-offering mingled with oil: for to-day Jehovah will appear to you.' " And 5 they brought that which Moses commanded before the tent of meeting; and all the congregation drew near, and stood before Jehovah. And Moses said, "This is what Jehovah 6 hath commanded you to do, that the glory of Jehovah may appear to you." And Moses said to Aaron, "Go to the 7 altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thyself and for the people: then offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them, as Jehovah hath commanded." Aaron therefore 8 went to the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself. And the sons of Aaron brought 9 the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *some of* it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out *the rest of* the blood at the bottom of the altar. But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of 10 the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar, as Jehovah had commanded Moses. And the flesh and the hide he burnt 11 with fire without the camp. Then he slew the burnt-offer- 12

ing, and the sons of Aaron presented to him the blood,
 13 which he sprinkled round about upon the altar. And they
 presented the burnt-offering to him, with its pieces, and the
 14 head; and he burnt these upon the altar. And he washed
 the entrails and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-
 15 offering on the altar. And he brought the people's offering,
 and took the goat, which was the sin-offering for the people,
 and he slew it, and offered it for a sin-offering, as the first.
 16 And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according
 17 to the ordinance. And he brought the meal-offering, and
 took a handful from it, and burnt it upon the altar, together
 18 with the burnt sacrifice of the morning. He slew also the
 bullock and the ram, *for* the sacrifice of peace-offerings, for
 the people; and the sons of Aaron presented to him the
 19 blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar, and
 the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the fat tail, and that
 which covereth *the entrails*, and the kidneys, and the caul
 20 above the liver; and they put the fat upon the breasts, and
 21 burnt the fat upon the altar; and the breasts and the right
 shoulder Aaron waved *for* a wave-offering before Jehovah, as
 22 Jehovah had commanded Moses. And Aaron lifted up his
 hands towards the people, and blessed them, and came down
 from offering the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and
 the peace-offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting,
 and when they had come out, and blessed the people, the
 24 glory of Jehovah appeared to all the people. And fire came
 out from before Jehovah, and consumed upon the altar the
 burnt-offering and the fat; and all the people saw it, and
 shouted for joy, and fell on their faces.

1 CHAP. X.—And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron,
 took each his censer, and put in them fire, and on that placed
 incense, and offered strange fire before Jehovah, which he
 2 had not commanded them *to offer*. And there went out fire
 from before Jehovah, and devoured them; and they died be-
 3 fore Jehovah. Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what
 Jehovah spake, saying, 'I will be sanctified by them who
 come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.'"
 4 And Aaron was silent. And Moses called to Mishael and to
 Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said
 to them, "Come hither, carry your brethren from before the
 5 sanctuary out of the camp." So they went near, and carried

them in their tunics out of the camp, as Moses had said. And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, 6 his sons, "Uncover not your heads, nor rend your clothes, lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people; but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which Jehovah hath kindled. But ye shall not go out 7 from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die; for the anointing-oil of Jehovah is upon you." And they did according to the word of Moses.

And Jehovah spake to Aaron, saying, "Wine or strong 9 liquor neither thou nor thy sons shall drink, when ye are going into the tent of meeting, lest ye die: this shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; so that ye 10 may be able to distinguish between what is holy and what is unholy, and between what is unclean and what is clean, and 11 to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which Jehovah hath spoken to them by Moses."

And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, 12 his remaining sons, "Take the meal-offering which remaineth of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it is most holy. And ye shall 13 eat it in the holy place, because it is thy portion, and the portion of thy sons, of the sacrifices of Jehovah made by fire; for so I am commanded. And the wave-breast and 14 heave-shoulder ye may eat in a clean place, thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee; for they are thy portion, and the portion of thy sons, *which* are given to you from the sacrifice of peace-offerings of the children of Israel. The heave-shoulder, and the wave-breast they shall bring, 15 together with the offerings of fat, made by fire, to wave as a wave-offering before Jehovah; and it shall be thine, and thy sons', by a perpetual statute, as Jehovah hath commanded."

And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, 16 and, lo, it was burnt; and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the remaining sons of Aaron, saying, "Why have 17 ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and *Jehovah* hath given it you that ye may bear the iniquity of the congregation, that ye may make atonement for them before Jehovah? Lo, the blood of it was 18 not brought into the sanctuary: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded." And Aaron said to 19 Moses, "Lo, this day have *my sons* offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before Jehovah, and such things

have befallen me ; and if I had eaten the sin-offering to-day,
 20 would it have been pleasing in the sight of Jehovah ?” And
 when Moses heard that, he was satisfied.

1 CHAP. XI.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, and to Aaron,
 2 saying to them, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying,
 ‘These are the animals which ye may eat of all the beasts
 3 that are on the earth. Every beast whose hoof is divided,
 and whose foot is cloven into two parts, and which cheweth
 4 the cud, ye may eat. But ye may not eat of those which
 only chew the cud, or of those which only have a divided
 hoof ; *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but hath
 5 not the hoof divided ; he shall be unclean to you. And the
 cavy, because he cheweth the cud, but hath not the hoof di-
 6 vided ; he shall be unclean to you. And the hare, because
 he cheweth the cud, but hath not the hoof divided ; he shall
 7 be unclean to you. And the swine, because he hath a divided
 hoof, and is cloven-footed, yet cheweth not the cud, shall
 8 be unclean to you. Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their
 carcase ye shall not touch : they shall be unclean to you.

9 These also may ye eat, of all that are in the waters : every
 thing in the waters which hath fins and scales, in the seas,
 10 or in the rivers, ye may eat. But of all that move in the
 waters, and of every living thing which is in the waters, in
 the seas, or in the rivers, every thing which hath not fins and
 11 scales, shall be abominable to you. They shall be even
 abominable to you ; ye shall not eat of their flesh, and even
 12 their carcasses ye shall hold in abomination. Every thing in
 the waters which hath not fins or scales, *shall be* abominable
 to you.

13 And these among birds shall ye hold in abomination ; they
 shall not be eaten ; they shall be abominable : the eagle,
 14 and the ossifrage, and the osprey, and the vulture, and the
 15 kite after his kind ; every raven after his kind ; and the
 ostrich, and the techemes, and the falcon, and the hawk after
 16 his kind, and the cus, and the cormorant, and the ibis, and
 17 the swan, and the pelican, and the rechem, and the stork, the
 heron after her kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

18 And every creeping thing with wings which goeth upon four
 19 feet, shall be abominable to you. Yet of all creeping things
 with wings which go upon four feet, ye may eat those which
 have hinder legs jointed, for the purpose of leaping upon the
 20 ground. These of them ye may eat ; the arba-locust according
 21 to
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to its kind, and the solam-locust according to its kind, and the hargol-locust according to its kind, and the hagab-locust according to its kind. But all *other* creeping things with 23 wings, which have four feet, shall be abominable to you.

And by these ye shall become unclean: whosoever touch- 24 eth their carcase shall be unclean until the evening. And 25 whosoever carrieth any part of their carcase, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. All beasts whose 26 hoof is divided, but whose foot is not cloven, and which cheweth not the cud, *are* unclean to you: every one that toucheth their carcasses shall be unclean. And whatsoever 27 goeth upon its paws, of all animals that go on four feet, those shall be unclean to you: whosoever toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the evening. And he that 28 carrieth their carcase shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: they shall be unclean to you.

These also shall be unclean to you among the creeping 29 things that creep upon the earth: the mole, and the mouse, and the tzeb-lizard, according to its kind, and the gecko- 30 lizard, and the warrel-lizard, and the lethaë-lizard, and the chemeth-lizard, and the chamæleon. These shall be unclean 31 to you among all creeping things: whosoever toucheth them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the evening. And every thing upon which *any* of them, when dead, shall 32 fall, shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack: whatever vessel it be, that is employed in any use, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening: so shall it be cleansed. And 33 if any of them shall fall into any earthen vessel, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break *the vessel*. Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which 34 water *from such a vessel* cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunken out of every *such* vessel shall be unclean. And every vessel upon which *any part* 35 of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; *whether* oven, or kettles, they shall be broken: they are unclean, and shall be unclean to you. Yet a fountain, or a pit, the receptacle 36 of water, shall be clean: but he who toucheth the carcasses of such shall be unclean. And if *any part* of their carcase 37 fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean. But if water have been put upon the seed, and *any* 38 *part* of their carcase fall upon it, it shall be unclean to you. And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that touch- 39

40 eth its carcase shall be unclean until the evening. And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: he also that carrieth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth
42 shall be abominable; it shall not be eaten. Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon four feet, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth; them ye shall not eat; for they are
43 abominable. Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, nor shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.
44 For I Jehovah am your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that
45 creepeth upon the earth. For I am Jehovah that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the law concerning beasts, and fowls, and every living creature that moveth in the waters, and every creature
47 that creepeth upon the earth; to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.’”

1 CHAP. XII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
2 “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘If a woman have conceived, and borne a male-child, she shall be unclean seven days; as in the time of the impurity of her sickness
3 shall she be unclean. And on the eighth day the flesh of the
4 foreskin *of the child* shall be circumcised. And she shall then continue in the blood of her purification thirty-three days: she shall touch no holy thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purification be completed.
5 But if she bear a female child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her impurity; and she shall continue in the
6 blood of her purification sixty-six days. And when the days of her purification for a son, or for a daughter, are completed, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, to the door of the tent of meeting, to the priest;
7 and he shall offer it before Jehovah, and make an atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her

blood. This is the law for her who hath borne a child, whether a male or a female. But if she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, the one for a burnt offering, and the other for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.’”

CHAP. XIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses and Aaron, 1 saying, “When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a 2 pimple, a scurf, or a white spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh *like* the disease of leprosy; then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons, the priests; and the 3 priest shall look on the disease in the skin of the flesh. And if the hair in the diseased part be turned white, and the disease appear to be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is the disease of leprosy; and the priest shall look on him and shall pronounce him unclean. But if the spot in the 4 skin of his flesh be white and appear not deeper than the skin, and the hair in it be not turned white; then the priest shall shut him up *that hath* the disease seven days; and 5 the priest shall look on him the seventh day; and, lo, *if* the disease appear to him to remain as it was, *if* the disease have not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: and the priest shall look on him again 6 the seventh day; and, lo, *if* the diseased part be grown faint, *and* the disease have not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is *but* a scurf: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. But if the scurf spread much 7 abroad in the skin, after he hath been seen by the priest for the purpose of being declared clean, he shall be seen by the priest again: and *if* the priest see that, lo, the scurf is 8 spreading in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is leprosy. When the disease of leprosy is in 9 a man, and he is brought to the priest, and the priest 10 seeth that, lo, the pimple is white in the skin, and that the hair is turned white, and there is the mark of raw flesh in the pimple; it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh; 11 and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up; for he is unclean. But if the leprosy have 12 spread itself throughout the skin, so that the leprosy covers all the skin of the diseased person from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh; and the priest see, 13 that, lo, the leprosy hath covered all his flesh, he shall pro-

nounce the diseased person clean : being all turned white,
 14 he is clean. But whenever raw flesh appeareth in *the*
 15 *diseased part*, he shall be unclean. And when the priest
 seeth the raw flesh, he shall pronounce him to be unclean :
 16 for the raw flesh is unclean : it is leprosy. Yet if the raw
 flesh turn again, and be changed into white, he shall go to
 17 the priest ; and when the priest seeth him, and, lo, the dis-
 eased part is changed into white, then the priest shall pro-
 18 nounce the diseased person clean : he is clean. And if
 there have been an ulcer in the skin, which has been healed,
 19 but in the place of the ulcer there be a white pimple, or a
 20 white and red spot, it shall be shewn to the priest ; and if
 the priest see that, lo, it appeareth deeper than the skin,
 and the hair in it is turned white ; the priest shall pro-
 nounce him unclean : it is the disease of leprosy broken out
 21 of the ulcer. But if the priest look on it, and, lo, there
 are no white hairs in it, and it is not deeper than the
 skin, and it is faint, then the priest shall shut him up
 22 seven days ; and if it spread much abroad in the skin, then
 the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is the disease of
 23 leprosy. But if the spot remain in its place, and spread not, it
 is an inflamed ulcer ; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.
 24 Or if there have been a burning by fire in the skin, and
 the mark of the burn have a spot, white and red, or white,
 25 then the priest shall look upon it ; and, lo, if the hair in the
 spot be turned white, and it appear to be deeper than the
 skin, it is a leprosy broken out of the burning : wherefore
 the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is the disease of
 26 leprosy. But if when the priest looketh on it, lo, there be
 no white hair in the spot, and it be no deeper than the skin,
 and it be faint, then the priest shall shut him up seven days ;
 27 and the priest shall look upon him the seventh day ; *and*
 if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall
 28 pronounce him unclean ; it is the disease of leprosy. But
 if the white spot remain in its place, and spread not in the
 skin, but be grown faint, it is a pimple of the burning, and
 the priest shall pronounce him clean ; for it is an inflam-
 mation of the burning.

29 If a man or woman have a disease on the head or the
 30 beard, then the priest shall look upon the disease ; and, lo,
 if it appear deeper than the skin, and there be in it yellow
 thin hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean : it is
 31 a scall, a leprosy upon the head or beard. And when the

priest looketh on the disease of the scall, and, lo, it appeareth not deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the disease seven days; and on the seventh day the priest shall look on the diseased part; and, lo, *if* the scall appear not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall appear not deeper than the skin, he shall be shaven, but the scall he shall not shave; and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more; and on the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall; and, lo, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor appear deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing, then the priest shall look on him: and, lo, if the scall be spread in the skin, let not the priest seek for yellow hair; he is unclean. But if the scall appear to him to remain as it was, and there be black hairs grown up in it, the scall is healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

If also a man or a woman have spots in the skin of their flesh, white spots, then the priest shall look; and, lo, *if* the spots in the skin of their flesh be of an obscure white, it is a dandriff, spreading in the skin; he is clean.

And the man whose hair is fallen off from his head *behind*, he is bald, *but* he is clean. And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead-bald, but he is clean. But if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white and red sore, it is leprosy breaking forth in his bald head, or his bald forehead; then the priest shall look upon it; and, lo, *if* the pimple of the sore be white and red in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh, he is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his disease *of leprosy* is in his head.

And the clothes of the leper, who hath the disease, shall be rent, and his head bared, and he shall put a covering upon his chin, and shall cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease is in him he shall be considered unclean; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall be his habitation.

The garment also in which is the disease of leprosy, *whether it be* a woollen garment or a linen garment, *whether it be* in the warp or woof, of linen, or of woollen; whether

49 in a skin, or in any thing made of skin; if the diseased
 part be green or red in the garment, or in the skin, either in
 the warp or in the woof, or in any apparel made of skin; it
 is the disease of leprosy, and shall be shewn to the priest :
 50 and the priest shall look upon the diseased place, and shut
 51 up *that which hath* the disease seven days; and he shall look
 on the diseased place on the seventh day: if the disease be
 spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or
 in a skin, or in any thing made of skin, the disease is a
 52 fretting leprosy; *the garment* is unclean. He shall there-
 fore burn that garment, whether the disease be in the warp
 or in the woof, in woollen or in linen, or in any apparel made
 of skin: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the
 53 fire. And if the priest look, and, lo, the disease be not
 spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or
 54 in any apparel of skin; then the priest shall command that
 they wash *the thing* in which the disease is; and he shall
 55 shut it up seven days more: and the priest shall look on the
 diseased place after it is washed: and, lo, *if* the disease have
 not changed its colour, and the disease be not spread, it is
 unclean: thou shalt burn it with fire; it is a corroding
 56 *leprosy*, on the wrong or on the right side *of the cloth*. And
 if the priest look, and, lo, the diseased place is become faint
 after the washing of it, then he shall rend it out of the
 garment, or out of the skin, whether from the warp or from
 57 the woof: and if it appear still in the garment, either in
 the warp or in the woof, or in any apparel of skin, it is a
 spreading *leprosy*; thou shalt burn that in which the disease
 58 is with fire. And the garment, either warp or woof, or what-
 soever apparel of skin it be which thou shalt wash, if the
 disease be departed from them, then it shall be washed a
 59 second time, and shall be clean." This is the law concern-
 ing the disease of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen,
 either in the warp or in the woof, or any apparel of skin, to
 pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
 2 "This shall be the law for the leper in the day of his
 3 cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest, and the priest
 shall go forth out of the camp, and the priest shall look, and,
 4 lo, if the disease of leprosy be healed in the leper, then the
 priest shall command that there be taken for him who is to
 be cleansed two small birds alive *and* clean, and cedar-wood,

and scarlet *thread*, and hyssop; and the priest shall com- 5
mand that one of the birds be slain over spring water in an
earthen vessel. Then he shall take the living bird, and the cedar- 6
wood, and the scarlet *thread*, and the hyssop, and shall dip
them and the living bird in the blood of the bird which hath
been slain over the spring water; and he shall sprinkle upon 7
him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and
shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose
into the open field. Then he who is to be cleansed shall 8
wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself
in water, that he may be clean; and after that he shall come
into the camp; but he shall dwell without his tent seven
days. But on the seventh day, he shall shave all his hair 9
off his head, and his beard, and his eyebrows, even all his
hair he shall shave off: he shall then wash his clothes, and
bathe his body in water, and shall be clean. And on the 10
eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish,
and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and
three-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour for a meal-offering,
mingled with oil, and one log of oil. And the priest who 11
pronounceth him clean shall present the man who is to be
cleansed, and these things, before Jehovah, at the door of
the tent of meeting; and the priest shall take one male 12
lamb, and offer him for a trespass-offering, together with the
log of oil, and he shall wave them for a wave-offering before
Jehovah; and he shall slay the lamb in the place where the 13
sin-offering and the burnt-offering are slain, in the holy
place: for as the sin-offering is the priest's, so is the tres-
pass-offering; it is most holy; and the priest shall take 14
some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and shall put it
upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed,
and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great
toe of his right foot. And the priest shall take some of the 15
log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand;
and the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in 16
his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his
finger, seven times before Jehovah; and some of the oil that 17
is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right
ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon
the place of the blood of the trespass-offering: and the re- 18
mainder of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour
upon the head of him who is to be cleansed; and the priest

19 shall thus make an atonement for him before Jehovah. And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him who is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and
20 afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering. And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering, and the meal-offering, upon the altar: thus the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 But if he be poor, and cannot afford so much; then he shall take one lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and a tenth of *an ephah* of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering, and a log of oil;
22 and two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he can afford; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other
23 a burnt-offering. And he shall bring them on the eighth day, for his cleansing, to the priest, to the door of the
24 tent of meeting, before Jehovah; and the priest shall take the lamb for the trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before
25 Jehovah. And he shall slay the lamb for the trespass-offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot:
26 and the priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of
27 his own left hand: and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand, seven
28 times before Jehovah: and the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of
29 the blood of the trespass-offering; and the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him
30 before Jehovah. And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves,
31 or of the young pigeons, whichever he can afford; such as he can afford, *he shall offer*; the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meal-offering: thus the priest shall make an atonement for him who is to be
32 cleansed, before Jehovah." This is the law for him in whom is the disease of leprosy, who cannot afford *more* for his cleansing.

33 And Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
34 "When ye come into the land of Canaan, which I give to

you for a possession, and I put the disease of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession; and the owner of the 35 house shall go, and tell the priest, saying, 'It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a disease in the house;' then the priest 36 shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the diseased place, that all that is in the house be not made unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house. And he shall look on the diseased 37 place, and, lo, if the disease be in the walls of the house, with hollow streaks, green or red, which appear deeper than the wall; then the priest shall go out of the house, to the 38 door of the house, and shut up the house seven days; and 39 the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, lo, if the disease be spread in the walls of the house, the priest shall command that they take away the stones in 40 which the disease is, and that they cast them into an unclean place without the city. He shall then cause the house to be 41 scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city, into an unclean place; and they shall take other stones, and shall put them in the 42 place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house. And if the disease return, and 43 break out in the house, after he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it hath been plastered; then the priest shall come and look, and, lo, if 44 the disease be spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house: it is unclean. And he shall break down the 45 house, the stones of it, and the timber of it, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city, into an unclean place. Moreover he that goeth into 46 the house, during all the time that it is shut up, shall be unclean until the evening. And he that lieth in the house 47 shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes. But if the priest come in, and look *upon* 48 *it*, and, lo, the disease hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the disease is healed. And he shall 49 take to cleanse the house two small birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet *thread*, and hyssop; and he shall kill one of the 50 birds over spring water in an earthen vessel; and he shall 51 take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet *thread*, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the spring water, and sprinkle the house seven

52 times ; and he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the spring water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the scarlet *thread*, and with
 53 the hyssop ; but he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open field : thus he shall make an atonement for the house : and it shall be clean.”

55 This is the law for every disease of leprosy, and scall, and
 56 for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house, and for a pim-
 57 ple, and for a scurf, and for a spot ; to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean : this is the law of leprosy.

1 CHAP. XV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron,
 2 saying, “ Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them,
 ‘ When any man hath an issue from his flesh, *because of* his
 3 issue he is unclean. And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue : whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be
 stopped from running with his issue, it is his uncleanness.
 4 Every bed on which he who hath the issue lieth shall be unclean ; and every thing on which he sitteth shall be unclean.
 5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and
 6 bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. And he that sitteth on *any* thing on which he who hath the issue hath sitten, shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until
 7 the evening. And he that toucheth the flesh of him who hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be
 8 unclean until the evening. And if he who hath the issue spit upon him that is clean, *the latter* shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. And
 9 every thing on which he who hath the issue rideth shall be
 10 unclean. And whosoever toucheth any thing that hath been under him shall be unclean until the evening : and he that carrieth *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe
 11 in water, and be unclean until the evening. And every one whom he that hath the issue toucheth, not having thoroughly washed his hands in water, shall wash his clothes, and bathe
 12 in water, and be unclean until the evening. And the earthen vessel which he who hath the issue toucheth shall be broken ;
 13 and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. And when he who hath an issue is cleansed of his issue, then he shall reckon to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his body in spring water, and be clean.
 14 And on the eighth day he shall take two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and go before Jehovah to the door of the tent

of meeting, and give them to the priest; and the priest shall 15 offer them, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering: thus the priest shall make an atonement for him before Jehovah for his issue. And if any man's seed go 16 out from him, then he shall bathe his body in water, and be unclean until the evening. And every garment, and every 17 skin, on which the seed is, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening.

The woman also with whom a man shall carnally con- 18 verse, they shall both bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening.

And when a woman hath an issue, *and* her issue in her 19 flesh is blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days; and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the evening. And every thing on which she lieth during her impurity 20 shall be unclean: every thing also on which she sitteth shall be unclean. And every one who toucheth her bed shall wash 21 his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. And every one who toucheth any thing on which 22 she hath sitten, shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. Whether it be her bed, 23 or any thing on which she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the evening. And if a man lie by her 24 at all, and her impurity be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lieth shall be unclean. And when a woman hath an issue of her blood many 25 days out of the time of her impurity, or if it run beyond the time of her impurity; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her impurity: she shall be unclean. Every bed on which she lieth all the days of 26 her issue shall be to her as the bed of her impurity; and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. And whosoever toucheth those things 27 shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. But when she is 28 cleansed of her issue, then she shall reckon to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. And on the eighth 29 day she shall take two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting. And the priest shall offer one for a sin-offering, and the 30 other for a burnt-offering; thus the priest shall make an atonement for her before Jehovah for the issue of her uncleanness. Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from 31

their uncleanness, that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law for him who hath an issue, and whose seed
33 goeth from him, and who is defiled by it ; and for her who is sick in her impurity, and for one who hath an issue, whether male or female, and for him who lieth by her who is unclean.’”

1 CHAP. XVI.—And Jehovah spake to Moses after the two sons of Aaron had died, when they had approached the
2 presence of Jehovah, and died ; and Jehovah said to Moses, “Speak to Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the sanctuary within the veil, before the lid which is upon the ark, that he die not : for I will appear in the cloud
3 upon the lid *of the ark*. Thus shall Aaron come into the sanctuary : with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a
4 ram for a burnt-offering. And he shall put on the holy linen tunic, and he shall have the linen drawers upon his flesh, and he shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired : these are holy garments ; therefore he shall bathe his body in water, and put them on.
5 He shall then receive from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin-offering, and one
6 ram for a burnt-offering. And Aaron shall bring his bullock of the sin-offering which is for himself, that he may make
7 an atonement for himself, and for his household. He shall then take the two goats, and present them before Jehovah at
8 the door of the tent of meeting. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats, one lot for Jehovah, and the other lot
9 for the scape-goat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the lot for Jehovah fell, and offer him for a sin-offering ;
10 but the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scape-goat, shall be presented alive before Jehovah, to make an atonement with him, to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.
11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his household, and shall kill the bullock
12 of the sin-offering which is for himself. And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before Jehovah, and his hands-full of sweet incense beaten small,
13 and bring it within the veil. And he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the lid that is upon the testimonial-*ark*, that he
14 die not. And he shall take some of the blood of the bul-

lock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the lid eastward; and before the lid shall he sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. Then he shall kill the goat of the 15 sin-offering, which is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, sprinkling it upon the lid, and before the lid *of the ark*. Thus he shall make an atonement for 16 the sanctuary, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins; and so shall he do for the tent of meeting that is placed among them in the midst of their uncleanness. And no 17 one shall be in the tent of meeting when he goeth in to make an atonement in the sanctuary, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. Then he shall go out 18 to the altar that is before Jehovah, and make an atonement for it; and shall take some of the blood of the bullock, and some of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. And he shall sprinkle some of the 19 blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and sanctify it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. And when he hath made an end of atoning for the sanc- 20 tuary, and the tent of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat; and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the 21 head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and send him away, by a man chosen for this purpose, into the desert. And the goat shall bear upon him all their 22 iniquities unto a land not inhabited; and he shall let go the goat in the desert. Then Aaron shall go into the tent of 23 meeting, and shall put off the linen garments which he had put on when he went into the sanctuary, and shall leave them there; and he shall bathe his body in water in the holy 24 place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for the people. And the fat of the sin-offering he shall burn 25 upon the altar. And he that let go the goat for the scape- 26 goat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his body in water, and afterward come into the camp. And the bullock for the sin- 27 offering, and the goat for the sin-offering, the blood of which was brought into the sanctuary to make atonement, shall be

carried forth without the camp; and their skins, and their
 28 flesh, and their dung, shall be burned with fire. And he
 that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his body
 in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 And this shall be a perpetual statute to you: In the
 seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall
 afflict yourselves, and ye shall do no work, neither a native
 30 nor a stranger that sojourneth among you. For on that
 day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you, that ye
 31 may be clean from all your sins before Jehovah. It shall be
 a sabbath of rest to you, and ye shall afflict yourselves, by a
 32 perpetual statute. And the priest, who shall be anointed,
 and who shall be consecrated to minister in the priest's office
 in his father's stead, shall make the atonement and shall put
 33 on the linen garments, the holy garments; and he shall
 make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall
 make an atonement for the tent of meeting, and for the
 altar; and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and
 34 for all the people of the congregation. And this shall be
 a perpetual statute to you; that an atonement may be made
 for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." *And Aaron did as Jehovah commanded Moses.*

1 CHAP. XVII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
 2 "Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of
 Israel, and say to them, 'This is what Jehovah hath com-
 3 manded, saying, Whosoever of the house of Israel shall
 slay an ox, or a lamb, or a goat, in the camp, or shall slay it
 4 out of the camp, and shall not bring it to the door of the
 tent of meeting, to offer *it* an offering to Jehovah, before the
 tabernacle of Jehovah, blood shall be imputed to that man;
 he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from
 5 among his people; in order that the children of Israel may
 bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even
 that they may bring them to Jehovah, to the door of the
 tent of meeting to the priest, and offer them for peace-offer-
 6 ings to Jehovah. And the priest shall sprinkle the blood
 upon the altar of Jehovah at the door of the tent of meet-
 ing; and burn the fat for an acceptable odour to Jehovah.
 7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after
 whom they have gone astray.' This shall be a perpetual
 8 statute to them throughout their generations. And thou
 shalt say to them, 'Whosoever of the house of Israel, or of

the strangers who sojourn among you, shall offer a burnt-offering or sacrifice, and not bring it to the door of the tent of meeting, to offer it to Jehovah, that man shall be cut off from among his people.

And whosoever of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, shall eat any blood, I will even set my face against that soul who shall eat blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of *the* flesh is in the blood; and I have appointed it to you for the altar, to make an atonement for your lives; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. And whosoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, shall hunt and catch any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for its life: therefore I said to the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no flesh: for the life of all flesh is its blood; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. And every one who eateth that which hath died *of itself*, or that which hath been torn *by beasts*, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger, shall both wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening; then shall he be clean. But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his body, then he shall bear his iniquity.’”

CHAP. XVIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘I am Jehovah your God. According to the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, ye shall not do: and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, into which I bring you, ye shall not do; nor shall ye walk in their statutes. Ye shall do my judgments, and observe my statutes, to walk in them: I am Jehovah your God. Ye shall therefore observe my statutes and my judgments; which if a man do, he shall live by them: I am Jehovah.

No one of you shall approach to any near kinswoman, to uncover *her* nakedness: I am Jehovah. The nakedness of thy father, that is, the nakedness of thy mother, thou shalt not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy step-mother thou shalt not uncover: it is thy father’s nakedness. The nakedness 9

of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, *whether* born at home, or born abroad, their
 10 nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for it is thy own nakedness.
 11 The nakedness of thy stepmother's daughter, begotten by thy father (she is thy sister), thou shalt not uncover her
 12 nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. Thou
 13 shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for
 14 she is thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not
 15 approach to his wife; she is thy aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she is thy
 16 son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife; it is
 17 thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou
 take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are her near kinswomen: it is
 18 wickedness. Nor shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to cause her jealousy, to uncover her nakedness, besides the
 19 other, in her life-time. Nor shalt thou approach a woman during the impurity of her uncleanness, to uncover her nakedness.
 20 And with thy neighbour's wife thou shalt not lie carnally, to defile thyself with her. And thou shalt not
 21 cause any of thy offspring to pass through *the fire* to Molech, nor shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am
 22 Jehovah. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination. Nor shalt thou lie with
 23 any beast, to defile thyself with it; nor shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down to it: it is confusion.
 24 Defile not yourselves by any of these things: for by all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you,
 25 and the land is defiled: therefore I will visit its iniquity upon it, and the land itself shall vomit out her inhabitants.
 26 Ye shall therefore observe my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; *neither* any
 of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among
 27 you; (for all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, so that the land is defiled;) that
 28 the land vomit you not out also, when ye defile it, as it hath
 29 vomited out the nations that were before you. For whoso-

ever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. Therefore ye shall observe my ordinances, so as not to commit 30 any of these abominable customs, which have been committed before you, and not to defile yourselves by them: I am Jehovah your God.' ”

CHAP. XIX.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
“ Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and 2
say to them, ‘ Ye shall be holy: for I Jehovah your God am
holy.

Every one of you shall revere his mother, and his father, 3
and keep my sabbaths: I am Jehovah your God.

Turn ye not to idols, nor make for yourself molten gods: 4
I am Jehovah your God.

And when ye sacrifice a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Je- 5
hovah, ye shall sacrifice it for your acceptance. It shall be 6
eaten on the same day in which ye sacrifice it; or on the
morrow: and if any part remain until the third day, it shall
be burnt with fire. And if it be eaten at all on the third 7
day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted. And he who 8
eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned
that which had been consecrated to Jehovah; that soul,
therefore, shall be cut off from among his people.

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt 9
not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou
gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not 10
glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of
thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and
stranger: I am Jehovah your God.

Ye shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie one to another. 11
And ye shall not swear by my name to a falsehood, and pro- 12
fane the name of thy God: I am Jehovah. Thou shalt not 13
oppress thy neighbour, nor rob *him*; nor shall the wages of
a hired servant abide with thee all night until the morning.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling- 14
block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am
Jehovah.

Ye shall do no injustice in judgment: thou shalt not 15
respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of
the mighty: in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not go about, a tale-bearer among thy people; 16
nor shalt thou stand up against the blood of thy neighbour:

17 I am Jehovah. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt freely reprove thy neighbour, and not
18 suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any malice against the children of thy people, but thou shalt
19 love thy neighbour as thyself: I am Jehovah. Ye shall keep my statutes.

Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: nor shalt thou sow thy field with mingled seed: nor shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 And when a man lieth carnally with a woman who is a bond-maid, a concubine, but who hath not been redeemed, nor is free, scourging shall be *inflicted*: they shall not be
21 put to death, because she was not free. And *the man* shall bring his trespass-offering to Jehovah, to the door of the tent
22 of meeting, a ram for a trespass-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, before Jehovah, for his sin which he hath committed; and the sin which he hath committed shall be forgiven him.

23 And when ye shall have come into the land, and shall have planted any kind of food-bearing trees, ye shall account its fruit a foreskin: three years shall it be as a foreskin to you;
24 it shall not be eaten. And in the fourth year all the fruit of
25 it shall be holy, *for* the praises of Jehovah. But in the fifth year ye may eat of the fruit of it, that it may yield to you its increase: I am Jehovah your God.

26 Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood; nor shall ye
27 use divination, or observe times.—Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, nor shalt thou mar the corners of
28 thy beard.—Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am Jehovah.

29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a harlot; lest the land fall to harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 Ye shall observe my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am Jehovah.

31 Apply not to necromancers nor seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am Jehovah your God.

32 In the presence of the hoary head thou shalt rise up, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am Jehovah.

33 And when a stranger sojourneth with thee in your land,
34 ye shall not vex him. As one born amongst you, shall be the stranger that dwelleth with you, and thou shalt love him

as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God.

Ye shall do no injustice in judgment, in meting, in ³⁵ weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ³⁶ ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have.

I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore ye shall observe all my statutes, ³⁷ and all my judgments, and do them: I am Jehovah.”

CHAP. XX.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, ¹ “Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, ‘Whoever ² of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, shall give any of his seed to Molech, he shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones. And I will set my face against that man, and ³ will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed to Molech, so as to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. And if the people of the ⁴ land do wilfully hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed to Molech, and put him not to death; then I will set my face against that man, and against his ⁵ family, and will cut him off, and all that go astray after him, to commit harlotry with Molech, from among their people. And the person that shall apply to necromancers, and to ⁶ wizards, to go astray after them, I will even set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves, therefore, and be ye holy; for ⁷ I am Jehovah your God. And ye shall observe my statutes, ⁸ and do them; I am Jehovah who sanctify you.

When any one curseth his father or his mother he shall ⁹ surely be put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

And if any man commit adultery with *another* man’s ¹⁰ wife, if any man commit adultery with his neighbour’s wife, the adulterer and the adultrass shall surely be put to death. And if a man lie with his father’s wife, he hath uncovered ¹¹ his father’s nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man ¹² lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. If a man also lie with a male as he ¹³ lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall both surely be put to death; their blood

- 14 shall be upon them. And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness; they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.
- 15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to
- 16 death; and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach any beast, and lie down to it, thou shalt kill the woman and the beast; they shall surely be put to death;
- 17 their blood shall be upon them. And if a man take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness, it is a wicked thing; and they shall both be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall
- 18 bear his iniquity. And if a man lie with a woman during her sickness, and uncover her nakedness, he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their
- 19 people. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister, nor of thy mother's sister; for it is uncovering the nakedness of a near kinswoman: they shall bear
- 20 their iniquity. And if a man lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear
- 21 their sin; they shall die childless. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing; he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness: they shall be childless.
- 22 Ye shall therefore observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them; that the land, to which I am about to bring you that ye may dwell in it, vomit you not
- 23 out. And ye shall not walk in the statutes of the nations which I cast out before you; for they committed all these
- 24 things, and therefore I abhorred them. But I have said to you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am Jehovah your God, who have separated you from the peoples.
- 25 Ye shall therefore make a distinction between beasts clean and unclean, and between birds unclean and clean; and ye shall not make yourselves abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have
- 26 separated from you as unclean. But ye shall be holy to me; for I Jehovah am holy, and have distinguished you from the peoples, that ye should be mine.
- 27 A man also, or a woman, that is a necromancer, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them.'"

CHAP. XXI.—And Jehovah said to Moses, “Speak to 1
 the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, ‘None of
you shall be defiled for the dead among his people, except for 2
 his near kindred, for his mother, and for his father, and for
 his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother, and for 3
 his sister a virgin, who resideth with him, who hath no hus-
 band, for her he may be defiled. But he shall not defile him- 4
 self *for* a chief among his people, to pollute himself. They 5
 shall not make baldness upon their head; nor shall they
 shave off the corners of their beard, or make any cuttings in
 their flesh. They shall be holy to their God, and not 6
 pollute the name of their God; for the offerings of Jehovah
 made by fire, the food of their God, they must offer; there-
 fore they shall be holy. They shall not marry a woman 7
who is a harlot, or one polluted; nor shall they marry a
 woman divorced from her husband; for *every* priest is holy
 to his God. Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he 8
 offereth the food of thy God: he shall be holy to thee; for
 I Jehovah, who sanctify you, am holy. And if the daugh- 9
 ter of any priest pollute herself by harlotry, she polluteth
 her father: she shall be burnt with fire. And he who is 10
 the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the
 anointing-oil hath been poured, and who is consecrated to put
 on the garments, shall not uncover his head, or rend his
 garments; nor shall he go in to any dead body, or defile 11
 himself for his father, or for his mother; nor shall he go 12
 out of the sanctuary, or pollute the sanctuary of his God;
 for the crown *and* the anointing-oil of his God are upon
 him: I am Jehovah.—And he shall marry a woman in her 13
 virginity. A widow, or a divorced woman, or one polluted, 14
 or a harlot, he shall not marry; but he shall marry a virgin
 of his own people. So shall he not pollute his seed among 15
 his people; for I Jehovah sanctify him.’ ”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron, 16
 saying, ‘Whosoever of thy seed in their generations shall
 have *any* blemish, let him not approach to offer the food of
 his God; for no one who hath a blemish shall approach: a 18
 man blind, or lame, or maimed, or who hath any thing
 superfluous, or a man who is broken-footed, or broken- 19
 handed, or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or who hath a blemish 20
 in his eye, or hath scurvy, or is scabbed, or hath his
 testicles broken: no one of the seed of Aaron the priest 21
 who hath a blemish shall come nigh to offer the offerings of ,

Jehovah made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not
 22 come nigh to offer the food of his God. He may eat the
 food of his God, *both* of the most holy, and of the holy;
 23 only he may not go in to the veil, nor come nigh to the
 altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my
 24 holy things; for I Jehovah sanctify them.' ” And Moses told
this to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

1 CHAP. XXII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
 2 “ Speak to Aaron and to his sons, that they abstain from the
 holy things of the children of Israel, and that they pollute
 not my holy name *in those things* which they consecrate to
 3 me: I am Jehovah. Say to them, ‘Whosoever of all your
 seed, throughout your generations, shall approach the holy
 things which the children of Israel consecrate to Jehovah,
 having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off
 4 from my presence: I am Jehovah. Whosoever of the seed
 of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue, he shall not eat
 of the holy things until he be clean. And whosoever hath
 touched any thing *that hath been made* unclean by a dead
 5 body; or whose seed hath gone from him; or who hath
 touched any creeping thing, by which he may be made un-
 clean, or a man by whom he may be made unclean, whatso-
 6 ever uncleanness he may have; the soul who hath touched
 any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat
 7 of the holy things, unless he bathe his body in water. And
 when the sun is down he shall be clean, and may after-
 ward eat of the holy things, because they are his food.
 8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn *by beasts*, he shall not
 9 eat, to defile himself with it: I am Jehovah. They shall
 therefore observe my ordinance, lest they bear sin and die
 for having profaned it: I Jehovah sanctify them.

10 Nor shall any stranger eat of that which is holy: a so-
 journeyer of the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat of that
 11 which is holy. But if the priest buy *any* soul with his
 money, he may eat of it, and he that is born in his house;
 12 they may eat of his food. If the priest’s daughter also be
 married to a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the
 13 holy things. But if the priest’s daughter be a widow, or
 divorced, and have no child, and have returned to her father’s
 house, as in her youth, she may eat of her father’s food; but
 14 no stranger shall eat of it. And if any one eat of that
 which is holy through error, then he shall add the fifth

part of the whole to it, and shall give it to the priest with that which is holy. Thus they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer to Jehovah; or cause them to bear the iniquity of trespass, by eating their holy things; for I Jehovah sanctify them.’”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘Whosoever of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, will offer his oblation for any vow, or for any free-will-offering, which they would offer to Jehovah for a burnt-offering, for your acceptance *it must be* a male without blemish, from the herd, from the sheep, or from the goats. Whatsoever hath a blemish, ye shall not offer; for it will not be acceptable for you. And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Jehovah to accomplish a vow, or a free-will-offering from the herd or from the flock, it must be perfect, to be accepted; no blemish must be in it. Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having the rot, or having scurvy, or being scabbed, ye shall not offer these to Jehovah, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar to Jehovah. Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or deficient in his parts, thou mayest offer *for* a free-will-offering; but for a vow it will not be accepted. But that which hath had its testicles torn out, bruised, or crushed, or cut out, ye shall not offer to Jehovah; nor shall ye make such in your land. Nor from the hand of an alien shall ye offer the food of your God of any of these: because their corruption is in them, blemishes are in them; they will not be accepted for you.’”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “When a calf, or a lamb, or a kid is brought forth, it shall be seven days under the dam; but on the eighth day, and thenceforth, it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire to Jehovah. And neither cow nor ewe shall ye slay on the same day with her young. And when ye offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to Jehovah, if ye would offer it for your acceptance, it must be eaten on the same day; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow: I am Jehovah. Thus shall ye observe my commandments, and do them: I am Jehovah. And ye shall not profane my holy name; but I will be sanctified amongst the children of Israel: I am Jehovah who sanctify you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am Jehovah.”

- 1 CHAP. XXIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘The
 feasts of Jehovah, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convo-
 3 cations, these are my feasts. Six days may work be done;
 but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation;
 on it ye shall do no work: it is the sabbath of Jehovah in
 4 all your dwellings. These are also the feasts of Jehovah,
 holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.
 5 On the fourteenth day of the first month in the evening, is
 6 the passover of Jehovah. And on the fifteenth day of the
 same month, is the feast of unleavened bread to Jehovah:
 7 seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day
 ye shall have a holy convocation: on it ye shall do no servile
 8 work. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire to Jeho-
 vah seven days: on the seventh day shall be a holy convoca-
 tion; on it ye shall do no servile work.’ ”
- 9 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the chil-
 dren of Israel, and say to them; ‘When ye come into the land
 which I give to you, and shall reap its harvest, then ye shall
 bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest to the
 11 priest; and he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah for your
 acceptance: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall
 12 wave it. And on the day in which ye wave the sheaf, ye
 shall offer a male-lamb without blemish of the first year, for
 13 a burnt-offering to Jehovah. With its meal-offering of two-
 tenths of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering
 made by fire to Jehovah, an acceptable odour; and its drink-
 14 offering of wine, the fourth part of a hin. And ye shall
 eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor full ripe ears, until
 the very day in which ye bring an offering to your God:
 this shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations,
 in all your dwellings.
- 15 And ye shall reckon from the morrow after the sabbath,
 from the day on which ye brought the sheaf of the wave-
 16 offering, seven complete weeks: to the morrow after the
 seventh sabbath ye shall number fifty days; when ye shall
 17 offer a new meal-offering to Jehovah. Ye shall bring from
 your dwellings two wave-loaves, of two tenths of an ephah:
 they shall be of fine flour: they shall be baked with leaven:
 18 they are the first-fruits to Jehovah. And ye shall offer with
 the loaves seven lambs without blemish, of the first year,
 and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a
 burnt-offering to Jehovah, with their meal-offering, and their

drink-offerings, an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah. Ye shall then sacrifice one kid of the 19 goats for a sin-offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace-offerings. And the priest shall wave 20 them with the loaves of the first-fruits, a wave-offering before Jehovah, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to Jehovah for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on that very 21 day, a holy convocation; *on it* ye shall do no servile work: this shall be a perpetual statute in all your dwellings, throughout your generations.

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt 22 not completely reap the corners of the field, nor shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them to the poor, and to the stranger: I am Jehovah your God.' ”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the chil- 23 dren of Israel, saying, ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation: *on it* ye shall do 25 no servile work; but ye shall offer an offering made by fire to Jehovah.’ ”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Moreover the 26 tenth day of this seventh month shall be a day of atonement: it shall be a holy convocation to you, and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to Jehovah. And ye shall do no work on that same day; for it is a 28 day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before Jehovah your God. For every soul who shall not be afflicted 29 on that same day, shall be cut off from among his people. And every soul who doeth any work on that same day, that 30 soul I will destroy from among his people. Therefore ye 31 shall do no manner of work *on it*: this shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, in all your dwellings. It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your 32 souls: on the ninth day of the month in the evening, from evening until evening, ye shall celebrate your sabbath.”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the chil- 34 dren of Israel, saying, ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles *to be kept during* seven days to Jehovah. On the first day shall be a holy 35 convocation; on it ye shall do no servile work. Seven days 36 ye shall offer an offering made by fire to Jehovah: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you, and ye shall

- offer an offering made by fire to Jehovah: it is a solemn
 37 assembly: *on it* ye shall do no manner of work. These
 are the feasts of Jehovah, which ye shall proclaim to be holy
 convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to Jehovah, a
 burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-
 38 offerings, each on its proper day; beside the sabbaths of
 Jehovah, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and
 beside all your free-will-offerings, which ye give to Jehovah.
 39 Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye
 have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast
 to Jehovah during seven days: on the first day shall be a
 40 sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye
 shall take on the first day the shoots of beautiful trees,
 branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick-leaved trees,
 and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before Jehovah
 41 your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast to
 Jehovah seven days in the year: *this shall be* a perpetual
 statute in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the
 42 seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days: all
 43 Israelites born shall dwell in booths; that your generations
 may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in
 booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I
 am Jehovah your God.'"
 44 And Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts
 of Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. XXIV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
 2 "Command the children of Israel, that they bring to thee
 pure olive-oil, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamp to burn
 3 continually. Without the veil of the testimonial-*ark* in the
 tent of meeting, shall Aaron order it from the evening until
 the morning, before Jehovah continually: *this shall be* a per-
 4 petual statute in your generations. He shall order the lamps
 5 upon the pure lamp-stand before Jehovah continually. And
 thou shalt take fine flour, and bake of it twelve cakes: two
 6 tenths *of an ephah* shall be in one cake. And thou shalt
 set them in two piles, six in a pile, upon the pure table
 7 before Jehovah. And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon
 each pile, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an
 8 offering made by fire to Jehovah. Every sabbath he shall
 set it in order before Jehovah continually, *being taken* from
 9 the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it
 shall be for Aaron and for his sons; and they shall eat it in

the holy place: for it belongs to him, by a perpetual statute, as most holy of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire."

Now the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, had come out among the children of Israel; and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; and the son of the Israelitish woman blasphemed the name of *Jehovah*, and cursed. And they brought him to Moses. Now his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan; and they put him in custody, until the will of Jehovah should be made known to them. And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Take forth him who hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. And thou shalt speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he who blasphemeth the name of Jehovah, shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: the stranger as well as the native, when he blasphemeth the name of *Jehovah*, shall be put to death.

And he who killeth any man shall surely be put to death. But he who killeth a beast shall make restitution; beast for beast. And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour, as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be caused in him. And he who killeth a beast, shall make restitution: but he who killeth a man, shall be put to death. Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger as for one of your own country: for I am Jehovah your God.'"—Then Moses ordered the children of Israel to bring forth him who had cursed out of the camp, and to stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses in mount Sinai, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'When ye shall have come into the land which I give to you, the land shall keep a sabbath to Jehovah. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in its produce; but in the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath of rest, a sabbath to Jehovah: thy field thou shalt not sow, and thy vineyard thou shalt not prune. The crop from the scattered seeds of thy former

harvest thou shalt not reap, nor gather the grapes of thy
 6 unpruned vine : it is a year of rest to the land. But *that*
which groweth during the sabbath of the land shall be food
 for you ; for thee, and for thy man-servant, and for thy maid-
 servant, and for thy hired servant, and for the stranger who
 7 sojourneth with thee, and for thy cattle, and for the wild
 beasts which are in thy land, shall all its produce be food.

8 And thou shalt reckon seven sabbaths of years, seven times
 seven years ; so that the space of the seven sabbaths of years
 9 shall be to thee forty-nine years. Then thou shalt cause the
 trumpet of the jubilee to be sounded, on the tenth day of
 the seventh month : on the day of atonement shall ye cause
 10 the trumpet to be sounded throughout all your land. And
 ye shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty through-
 out the land to all its inhabitants : it shall be a jubilee to
 you ; and ye shall return every man to his possession, and ye
 11 shall return every man to his family. A jubilee shall that
 fiftieth year be to you, in which ye shall not sow, nor reap
 the crop from the scattered seed, nor gather in it *the grapes*
 12 of thy unpruned vine. For it is the jubilee ; it shall be
 holy to you : from the field ye shall eat the produce of *the*
year.

13 In this year of jubilee ye shall return every man to his pos-
 14 session. And if thou sell any *possession* to thy neighbour, or
 buy *any* of thy neighbour, ye shall not oppress one another :
 15 according to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt
 buy of thy neighbour, *and* according to the number of years
 16 of the produce he shall sell to thee : as the years be many
 thou shalt increase the price, and as the years be few thou
 shalt diminish the price : for *according* to the number of its
 17 crops he shall sell to thee. Ye shall not therefore oppress
 one another ; but thou shalt fear thy God : for I am Jehovah
 18 your God. Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my
 judgments, and do them ; that ye may dwell in the land in
 19 security. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat
 your fill, and dwell therein in security.

20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat in the seventh
 21 year? lo, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce! Then
 I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it
 22 shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye may sow in
 the eighth year, but eat of the old produce until the ninth
 year ; until the produce of *the eighth year* come in ye shall
 eat of the old.

The land shall not be sold for ever : for the land is mine ; 23
for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. Therefore 24
throughout the land of your possession ye shall allow the
land to be redeemed. And if thy brother have become poor, 25
and have sold *some part* of his possession, and if his nearest
relation come to redeem it, then may he redeem that which
his kinsman had sold. And if the man have none to redeem 26
it, but acquire himself sufficient to redeem it ; then let him 27
count the years of its sale, and return the overplus to the
man to whom he had sold it, that he may return to his pos-
session. But if he be not able to return *the overplus* to him, 28
then that which hath been sold shall remain in the hand of
him who hath bought it until the year of jubilee ; and in
the jubilee it shall be quitted, and *the owner* shall return to
his possession.

And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then 29
he may redeem it within the space of a full year after it hath
been sold ; *within* a full year may he redeem it. But if it 30
be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the
house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever
to him who bought it, throughout his generations : it shall
not be quitted at the jubilee. But the houses of villages 31
which have no walls round about them shall be accounted as
the fields of the country ; they may be redeemed, and they
shall be quitted at the jubilee. As to the cities of the Le- 32
vites, the Levites may redeem, at any time, the houses of the
cities of their possession. And if he who hath redeemed *it* 33
be a Levite, he shall quit the house which he hath bought
in the city of his possession, at the jubilee ; for the houses
of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the
children of Israel. But the field of the suburbs of their 34
cities may not be sold ; for it is their perpetual possession.

And if thy brother have become poor, and fallen into 35
decay with thee, then thou shalt succour him ; *as* a stranger,
or a sojourner, he shall live with thee. Take thou no usury 36
of him, or produce : but fear thy God ; that thy brother may
live with thee. Thy money thou shalt not give to him for 37
usury, nor for produce shalt thou give to him thy victuals.
I am Jehovah your God, who brought you forth out of the 38
land of Egypt, to give to you the land of Canaan, *and* to be
your God. And when thy brother who is with thee hath 39
become poor, and been sold to thee, thou shalt not compel
him to serve as a bond-servant : as a hired servant, as 40

- a sojourner, he shall be with thee; until the year of jubilee
41 he shall serve thee: then he shall depart from thee, he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers he shall return.
42 For they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.
43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour, but shalt fear
44 thy God. Both thy bondmen and thy bondmaidens, whom thou shalt have, shall be of the nations that are round about you; of them ye may buy bondmen and bondmaidens.
45 And of the children of the strangers also who sojourn among you, of them ye may buy, and of their families that are with you, which they may have begotten in your
46 land; and they shall be your possession. And ye may leave these as an inheritance to your children after you, a perpetual possession; these may be your bondmen: but over your brethren, the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.
47 And if a sojourner or stranger become rich by thee, and thy brother *who dwelleth* by him become poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to one sprung
48 from a stranger's family, after he is sold he may be redeemed
49 again; one of his brethren may redeem him: either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any near kinsman of his family may redeem him; or, if he be able, he
50 may redeem himself. And he shall reckon with him who bought him, from the year that he was sold to him to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years; according to the time of a hired ser-
51 vant shall it be with him. If there be yet many years *remaining*, according to them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money for which he had been bought.
52 And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him, *and* according to his years
53 shall he give to him again the price of his redemption. As a yearly hired servant may he be with him: *and the other*
54 shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. But if he be not redeemed in these *years*, then he shall go out in the
55 year of jubilee, he, and his children with him. For the children of Israel are my servants; they are my servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God.

CHAP. XXVI.—Ye shall not make for yourselves idols 1
nor a graven image, nor shall ye raise up for yourselves a
statue, nor shall ye place in your land a stone inscribed
with figures, to bow down at it: for I am Jehovah your
God. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanc- 2
tuary: I am Jehovah.

If ye walk in my statutes, and observe my command- 3
ments, and do them; then I will give you rain in due season, 4
and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the
field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach 5
to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the seed time;
and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your
land securely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye 6
shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid; and I will
drive away wild beasts out of the land, and the sword shall
not pass through your land. And ye shall pursue your 7
enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And 8
five of you shall pursue a hundred, and a hundred of you
shall pursue ten thousand: thus shall your enemies fall
before you by the sword. For I will be favourable to you, 9
and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my
covenant with you. And ye shall eat old store, and bring 10
forth the old to make room for the new. And I will set my 11
tabernacle amongst you: and I will not abhor you; but I 12
will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be
my people. I am Jehovah your God, who brought you forth 13
out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bond-
men; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made
you to walk upright.

But if ye will not hearken to me, and will not do all 14
these commandments; and if ye despise my statutes, 15
and if ye abhor my judgments, so as not to do all my
commandments, *but* to break my covenant, I also will 16
do this to you; I will even appoint over you terror, con-
sumption, and fever which shall consume the eyes, and
cause sorrow of heart: and in vain shall ye sow your
seed, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face 17
against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they
who hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when
no one pursueth you. And if for all this ye will not yet 18
hearken to me, then I will punish you seven times more for
your sins, and I will break the pride of your stubbornness; 19

and I will make your heavens as iron, and your earth as
20 brass. And your strength shall be spent in vain : for your
land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the
21 field yield their fruits. And if ye still walk contrary to me,
and will not hearken to me, I will bring seven times more
22 plagues upon you, according to your sins. For I will send
wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your chil-
dren, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number,
so that your high-ways shall be desolate.

23 And if by these things ye will not be reclaimed, but will
24 walk contrary to me ; then will I also walk contrary to you,
25 and will punish you yet seven-fold for your sins. For I will
bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the cause of *my*
covenant : and, when ye are gathered together within your
cities, I will send the pestilence among you ; and ye shall be
26 delivered into the hand of the enemy, while I break under
you the staff of your bread, so that ten women shall bake
your bread in one oven, and shall return *to you* your bread
27 by weight ; which ye shall eat, and not be satisfied. And if
for all this ye will not hearken to me, but will walk contrary
28 to me ; then I will walk contrary to you also, in fury ; and
29 I, even I, will chastise you seven-fold for your sins. And
ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your
30 daughters ye shall eat. And I will destroy your high places,
and cut down your solar-images, and cast your carcases upon
31 the carcases of your idols, and I will abhor you. And I
will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuary to
desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your acceptable
32 odours. And I will make the land desolate ; so that your
33 enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished. And I will
scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword
after you ; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities
34 shall be waste. Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as
long as it lieth desolate, and ye are in the land of your
enemies ; then shall the land rest, and enjoy its sabbaths.
35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest ; because it did not
36 rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. And as to
those of you who shall remain I will send such a faintness
into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, that the
sound of a shaking leaf shall put them to flight ; and they
shall flee, as if fleeing from a sword ; and they shall fall
37 when no one pursueth. And they shall stumble one over
another, as it were before a sword, when no one pursueth :

and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. And ye shall perish among the nations, and the land of your 28 enemies shall consume you. And those of you who remain 39 shall pine away in their iniquity in the lands of their enemies; and in the iniquities of their fathers also shall they pine away.

If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their 40 fathers, in their transgression which they have committed against me, and also that they have walked contrary to me (for which cause I also have walked contrary to them, and 41 have brought them into the land of their enemies); if then their uncircumcised hearts shall be humbled, and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; then will I re- 42 member my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. For the land shall be left by 43 them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lieth desolate without them; and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. And 44 yet notwithstanding that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am Jehovah their God. But I will for 45 their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am Jehovah.' ”

These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws which 46 Jehovah made between him and the children of Israel on mount Sinai, by Moses.

CHAP. XXVII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘When 2 any one will make a personal vow, thy valuation of persons shall be for Jehovah. And thy valuation shall be, of a male 3 from twenty years old to sixty years old, *of such* thy valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel 4 of the sanctuary. But if it be a female, then thy valuation 4 shall be thirty shekels. And if it be from five years old to 5 twenty years old, then thy valuation shall be for a male twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels. And if it be 6 from a month old to five years old, then thy valuation for a male shall be five shekels of silver, and for a female thy

7 valuation shall be three shekels of silver. And if it be from sixty years old and above; if it be a male, then thy valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten
8 shekels. But if he be too poor for thy valuation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who made the vow shall the priest value him.

9 And if *any one* vow a beast, of a kind of which an offering is brought to Jehovah, all that *any one* giveth of such
10 to Jehovah shall be holy. He shall not alter it, or change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: but if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and that for which it hath
11 been changed shall be holy. And if *it be* any unclean beast, of which an offering is not brought to Jehovah, then
12 he shall present the beast before the priest, and the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou the
13 priest valuest it, so shall it be. But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part to thy valuation.

14 And if any one will sanctify his house, to be holy to Jehovah, then the priest shall value it, whether it be good or
15 bad: as the priest shall value it, so shall it stand. But if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy valuation to it, and it shall be his.

16 And if any one will sanctify to Jehovah *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy valuation shall be according to its seed: a homer of barley seed *being valued* at fifty
17 shekels of silver. And if he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy valuation it shall stand.
18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain, to the year of the jubilee, and there shall be an
19 abatement in thy valuation. And if he who sanctified the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy valuation to it, and it shall be assured
20 to him. But if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any
21 more; but the field, when it is quitted in the jubilee, shall be holy to Jehovah, as a field devoted; the possession there-
22 of shall be the priest's. And if *any one* sanctify to Jehovah a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of
23 his possession; then the priest shall reckon to him the sum of thy valuation, to the year of the jubilee: and he shall

give thy valuation in that day, *as* a holy thing to Jehovah. And in the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him ²⁴ of whom it had been bought, to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong*. And all thy valuations shall be ac- ²⁵ cording to the shekel of the sanctuary : twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the first- ²⁶ ling of Jehovah, no man shall sanctify it ; whether ox or sheep, it is Jehovah's. But if it be of an unclean beast, ²⁷ then he may redeem it according to thy valuation, and shall add a fifth *part* to it : or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy valuation.

Yet, no devoted thing that any one shall devote to Jeho- ²⁸ vah of all that he hath, of man or beast, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed : every devoted thing is most holy to Jehovah. None devoted, which shall ²⁹ be devoted by men, shall be redeemed ; *but* shall surely be put to death.

And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the ³⁰ land or of the fruit of the tree, is Jehovah's : it is holy to Jehovah. And if a man will indeed redeem any part of his ³¹ tithes, he shall add the fifth *part* of it. And every tithe of the ³² herd, or of the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to Jehovah. No search shall be made ³³ whether it be good or bad, nor shall it be changed : and if it be changed at all, then both it and that for which it hath been changed shall be holy : it shall not be redeemed.' "

These are the commandments which Jehovah delivered to ³⁴ Moses for the children of Israel, in mount Sinai.

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS.

1 CHAP. I.—And Jehovah spake to Moses in the desert of
Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second
2 month, in the second year after they had come out of the
land of Egypt, saying, “Take ye the sum of all the congrega-
3 tion of the children of Israel, according to their families,
according to the house of their fathers, by registering the
4 names of all the males, one by one, from the age of twenty
years and upward, all who are able to go forth to war in
Israel: thou and Aaron shall muster them by their hosts.
5 And with you there shall be a man out of every tribe; each
a chief of the house of his fathers. And these are the names of
6 the men who shall stand with you: Of *the tribe of* Reuben;
Elizur the son of Shedeur. Of *the tribe of* Simeon; Shelu-
7 miel the son of Zurishaddai. Of *the tribe of* Judah; Nahshon
8 the son of Amminadab. Of *the tribe of* Issachar; Nethanceel
9 the son of Zuar. Of *the tribe of* Zebulun; Eliab the son of
10 Helon. Of the children of Joseph—of *the tribe of* Ephraim;
Elishama the son of Ammihud: of *the tribe of* Manasseh;
11 Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. Of *the tribe of* Benjamin;
12 Abidan the son of Gideoni. Of *the tribe of* Dan; Ahiezer
13 the son of Ammishaddai. Of *the tribe of* Asher; Pagiel the
14 son of Ocran. Of *the tribe of* Gad; Eliasaph the son of
15 Deuel. Of *the tribe of* Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan.”
16 —These were the called of the congregation, princes of the
tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.
17 And Moses and Aaron took these men who were expressly
18 named; and they assembled all the congregation together on
the first day of the second month, who declared their genealo-
gies according to their families, according to the house of
their fathers, *their* names being registered from the age of
19 twenty years and upward, one by one. As Jehovah had com-
manded Moses, so he mustered them in the desert of Sinai.

And the children of Reuben, the first-born of Israel, by 20
their genealogies, according to their families, according to the
house of their fathers, the names of all the males being regis-
tered, one by one, from the age of twenty years and upward,
all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mus- 21
tered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thou-
sand and five hundred.

Of the children of Simeon, by their genealogies, accord- 22
ing to their families, according to the house of their fathers,
the names of all the males being registered, one by one, from
the age of twenty years and upward, all that were able to go
forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the 23
tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.

Of the children of Gad, by their genealogies, according 24
to families, according to the house of their fathers, the names
being registered, from the age of twenty years and upward,
all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mus- 25
tered of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand
six hundred and fifty.

Of the children of Judah, by their genealogies, according 26
to their families, according to the house of their fathers,
the names being registered, from the age of twenty years
and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those 27
that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were
seventy-four thousand and six hundred.

Of the children of Issachar, by their genealogies, accord- 28
ing to their families, according to the house of their fathers,
the names being registered, from the age of twenty years
and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those 29
that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were
fifty-four thousand and four hundred.

Of the children of Zebulun, by their genealogies, accord- 30
ing to their families, according to the house of their fathers,
the names being registered, from the age of twenty years
and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those 31
that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were
fifty-seven thousand and four hundred.

Of the children of Joseph;—of the children of Ephraim, 32
by their genealogies, according to their families, according to
the house of their fathers, the names being registered, from
the age of twenty years and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the 33
tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34 Of the children of Manasseh, by their genealogies, according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, the names being registered, from the age of twenty years and
35 upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand and two hundred.

36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their genealogies, according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, the names being registered, from the age of twenty years
37 and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand and four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan, by their genealogies, according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, the names being registered, from the age of twenty years and
39 upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand and seven hundred.

40 Of the children of Asher, by their genealogies, according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, the names being registered, from the age of twenty years and
41 upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand and five hundred.

42 Of the children of Naphtali, by their genealogies, according to their families, according to the house of their fathers, the names being registered, from the age of twenty years and
43 upward, all that were able to go forth to war;—those that were mustered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

44 These are they who were mustered, whom Moses and Aaron mustered, with the princes of Israel, twelve men;
45 according to the house of his fathers. Now all they who were mustered of the children of Israel, according to the house of their fathers, from the age of twenty years and
46 upward, all who were able to go forth to war in Israel;—all they who were mustered were six hundred and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not mustered among them. For Jehovah had spoken
48 to Moses, saying, "Only thou shalt not muster the tribe of Levi, nor take the sum of them among the children of Is-
49 rael; but thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of
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the testimonials, and over all its utensils, and over every thing which belongeth to it: they shall carry the tabernacle, and all its utensils; and they shall minister at it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. And when the tabernacle is to be removed, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up; and the stranger who approacheth shall be put to death. And *the rest of* the children of Israel shall encamp, every man in his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their hosts. But the Levites shall encamp round about the tabernacle of the testimonials, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimonials.” And the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so they did.

CHAP. II.—Then Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron, saying, “Every man of the children of Israel shall encamp by his own standard, under the ensign of their father’s house: over against the tent of meeting shall they encamp around.

Thus on the east side, toward the rising of the sun, shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah encamp, according to their hosts: and the captain of the children of Judah shall be Nahshon, the son of Amminadab; whose host being mustered are seventy-four thousand and six hundred.—And they who encamp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and the captain of the children of Issachar shall be Nethaneel, the son of Zuar; whose host, being mustered, are fifty-four thousand and four hundred.—Then the tribe of Zebulun: and the captain of the children of Zebulun shall be Eliab, the son of Helon; whose host, being mustered, are fifty-seven thousand and four hundred. All they who were mustered in the camp of Judah are a hundred and eighty-six thousand and four hundred, according to their hosts. These shall march the first.

On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their hosts: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur, the son of Shedeur; whose host, being mustered, are forty-six thousand and five hundred.—And they who encamp by him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai; whose host, being mustered,

14 are fifty-nine thousand and three hundred.—Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the children of Gad shall be
15 Eliasaph, the son of Deuel; whose host, being mustered, are
16 forty-five thousand and six hundred and fifty. All they who were mustered in the camp of Reuben are a hundred and fifty-one thousand, and four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts. And these shall march in the second rank.

17 Then the tent of meeting shall march, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp so shall they march, every man in his place by their standard.

18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their hosts: and the captain of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama, the son of Ammihud;
19 whose host, being mustered, are forty thousand and five
20 hundred.—And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel,
21 the son of Pedazhur; whose host, being mustered, are
22 thirty-two thousand and two hundred.—Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the children of Benjamin shall
23 be Abidan, the son of Gideoni; whose host, being mustered,
24 are thirty-five thousand and four hundred. All they who were mustered of the camp of Ephraim are a hundred and eight thousand and one hundred, according to their hosts. And these shall march in the third rank.

25 The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side according to their hosts: and the captain of the children
26 of Dan shall be Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai; whose host, being mustered, are sixty-two thousand and seven hundred.—
27 And they who encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel, the son
28 of Ocran; whose host, being mustered, are forty-one thousand and five hundred.—Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the
29 captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira, the son
30 of Enan; whose host, being mustered, are fifty-three thousand
31 and four hundred. All they who were mustered in the camp of Dan, are a hundred and fifty-seven thousand, and six hundred. These shall march the hindmost according to
32 their standards.” These are they who were mustered of the children of Israel according to the house of their fathers: all they who were mustered of the camps, according to their hosts, were six hundred and three thousand, and five hundred
33 and fifty. But the Levites were not mustered among the

children of Israel; as Jehovah commanded Moses. And the 34 children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses: so they encamped by their standards, and so they marched, every one according to their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAP. III.—These also are the generations of Aaron 1 and of Moses, at the time when Jehovah spake with Moses in mount Sinai. And these are the names of the sons of 2 Aaron; Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, and Eleazar, and Ithamar. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the 3 priests who were anointed, whom he had consecrated to minister in the priest's office. But Nadab and Abihu died 4 before Jehovah, when they offered strange fire before Jehovah in the desert of Sinai, and they had no sons: so Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Bring the tribe of 5 Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. And they shall keep his charge, 7 and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. And they shall 8 keep all the utensils of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. And thou shalt give the Levites to Aaron, and to his sons: 9 they are wholly given to him from among the children of Israel. And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and 10 they shall attend to their priestly office; and the stranger who approacheth shall be put to death."

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "And I, lo I have 11 taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the *male* first-born that open the womb among the children of Israel; therefore the Levites shall be mine; be- 13 cause all the first-born are mine: on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified to myself all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast; mine they shall be: I am Jehovah."

And Jehovah spake to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, 14 saying, "Muster the children of Levi, according to the house 15 of their fathers, according to their families: every male from the age of a month and upward shalt thou muster them." Then Moses mustered them, according to the word of 16 Jehovah, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon, according to their families; Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the sons of Kohath, according to their families; Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the sons of Merari, according to their families; Mahali, and Mushi.

These are the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers. Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites. They who were mustered of them, according to the number of all the males from the age of a month and upward, they who were mustered of them, were seven thousand and five hundred.—The families of the Gershonites were to encamp behind the tabernacle westward. And the chief of the house of *his* father among the Gershonites was Eliasaph, the son of Lael. And the charge of the sons of Gershon, in the tent of meeting, was the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the curtain for the door of the tent of meeting, and the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which surrounded the tabernacle, and the altar, and the cords of it, for all its service.

And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these were the families of the Kohathites. In the numbering of all the males, from the age of a month and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. The families of the sons of Kohath were to encamp on the side of the tabernacle southward. And the chief of the house of *his* father among the families of the Kohathites was Elizaphan, the son of Uzziel. And their charge was the ark, and the table, and the lamp-stand, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they ministered, and the hanging, and all its service. And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, chief of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of those who attended to the charge of the sanctuary.

Of Merari was the family of the Mahalites, and the family of the Mushites: these were the families of Merari. And they who were mustered of them, according to the

number of all the males, from the age of a month and upward, were six thousand and two hundred. And the chief of the house of *his* father among the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: these were to encamp on the side of the tabernacle northwards. And the charge under the care of the sons of Merari was the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its utensils, and all its service; and the pillars of the surrounding court, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

But they who encamped before the tabernacle toward the east, before the tent of meeting eastward, were Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger who should approach was to be put to death. All they who were mustered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron mustered at the commandment of Jehovah, according to their families, all the males from the age of a month and upward, were twenty-two thousand.

And Jehovah said to Moses, "Muster all the first-born of the males of the children of Israel, from the age of a month and upward, and take the number of their names. And take the Levites for me (I am Jehovah) instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel." And Moses mustered, as Jehovah commanded him, all the first-born among the children of Israel. And all the first-born males, according to the number of *their* names, from the age of a month and upward, on their being mustered, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am Jehovah. And for those who are to be redeemed of the two hundred and seventy-three of the first-born of the children of Israel, who exceed *the number* of the Levites; thou shalt take five shekels for every one; according to the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them*; twenty gerahs to the shekel. And thou shalt give to Aaron and his sons the redemption-money of those of them who exceeded *the number of the Levites*." So Moses took the redemption-money of those who exceeded the number of those who were redeemed by the Levites: of the

first-born of the children of Israel he took the money; a thousand three hundred and sixty-five *shekels*, according to
 51 the shekel of the sanctuary: and Moses gave the money of those who were redeemed to Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of Jehovah, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

1 CHAP. IV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron,
 2 saying, “Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, according to their families, according to
 3 the house of their fathers; from the age of thirty years and upward, to the age of fifty years, all that are included in the
 4 host, to do the work in the tent of meeting. This service of the sons of Kohath, in the tent of meeting, *shall be* about
 5 the most holy things. And when the camp is about to move, Aaron and his sons shall come, and shall take down the covering veil, and cover the ark of the testimonials with
 6 it; and they shall put over it a covering of seals’ skins, and shall spread over *that* a cloth entirely of blue, and shall put
 7 in its poles. And upon the table of shew-bread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put on it the dishes, and the incense-pots, and the cans, and cups for pouring: and the con-
 8 tinual *shew-bread* shall be upon it. And they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet, and cover that with a covering
 9 of seals’ skins, and shall put in its poles. And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the lamp-stand for the light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes, and all
 10 its oil-vessels, with which they minister at it: and they shall put it, and all its utensils, within a covering of seals’
 11 skins, and shall put *it* on a bearer. And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a
 12 covering of seals’ skins, and shall put in its poles. And they shall take all the utensils which are used in the service of the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of seals’ skins, and put them on a bearer.
 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread
 14 on it a purple cloth: and they shall put upon it all the utensils which are used in its service, the censers, the forks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the utensils of the altar: and they shall spread over it a covering of seals’ skins, and put
 15 in its poles. And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the utensils of the sanctuary, when the camp is to move; then the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them; but they shall not touch the

sanctuary, lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting. And Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, shall have the charge of the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meal-offering, and the anointing-oil; the charge of all the tabernacle, and of every thing in it, relating to the sanctuary, and its utensils." And Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron, saying, "Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; but do thus to them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach to the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden; but these shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die."

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, according to the house of their fathers, according to their families; from the age of thirty years and upward, to the age of fifty years, thou shalt muster them; all that are included in the host to do the work in the tent of meeting. This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and bearing burdens. And they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of meeting, its *inner* covering, and the covering of the seals' skins which is *placed* above it, and the hanging for the door of the tent of meeting, and the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court which surrounds the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords, and all the utensils of their service, and all that is made for them; and they shall serve. At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, as to all their burdens, and all their service: so shall ye appoint to them the charge of all their burdens. This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting: and their charge *shall be* under the direction of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

The sons of Merari thou shalt muster according to their families, according to the house of their fathers: from the age of thirty years and upward, to the age of fifty years, thou shalt muster them; all that are included in the host to do the work of the tent of meeting. And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tent of meeting; the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and the pillars of the surrounding court, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their utensils,

and with all their service : and by name ye shall appoint the
33 utensils of the charge of their burden. This is the service of
the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service
in the tent of meeting, under the direction of Ithamar, the
son of Aaron the priest."

34 So Moses and Aaron, and the chiefs of the congregation,
mustered the sons of the Kohathites, according to their
35 families, and according to the house of their fathers, from
the age of thirty years and upward, to the age of fifty years,
all that were included in the host for the work of the tent
36 of meeting : and they who were mustered of them, accord-
ing to their families, were two thousand seven hundred and
37 fifty. These were they who were mustered of the families of
the Kohathites, all who could do service in the tent of
meeting, whom Moses and Aaron mustered, according to the
commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

38 And they who were mustered of the sons of Gershon, accord-
ing to their families, and according to the house of their
39 fathers, from the age of thirty years and upward, to the age of
fifty years, all that were included in the host for the work in
40 the tent of meeting,—they who were mustered of them, accord-
ing to their families, according to the house of their fathers,
41 were two thousand and six hundred and thirty. These were
they who were mustered of the families of the sons of
Gershon, of all that could do service in the tent of meeting,
whom Moses and Aaron mustered according to the com-
mandment of Jehovah.

42 And they who were mustered of the families of the sons
of Merari, according to their families, according to the house
43 of their fathers, from the age of thirty years and upward, to
the age of fifty years, all that were included in the host for
44 the work in the tent of meeting,—they who were mustered
of them, according to their families, were three thousand and
45 two hundred. These were they who were mustered of the
families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron must-
ered, according to the word of Jehovah by Moses.

46 All they who were mustered of the Levites, whom Moses
and Aaron and the chiefs of Israel mustered, according to
their families, and according to the house of their fathers,
47 from the age of thirty years and upward, to the age of fifty
years, every one that came to do the service of the ministry,
48 and the service of the burden in the tent of meeting, even
they who were mustered of them, were eight thousand five

hundred and eighty. According to the commandment of 49 Jehovah they were mustered by Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they mustered by him, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

CHAP. V.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
 “Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the 2
 camp every leper, and every one who hath an issue, and every
 one who is defiled on account of the dead: both male and 3
 female ye shall put out, without the camp shall ye put them;
 that they defile not their camps, in the midst of which I
 dwell.” And the children of Israel did so, and put them 4
 out without the camp: as Jehovah spake to Moses, so did
 the children of Israel.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the 5
 children of Israel, saying, ‘When a man or a woman shall
 have committed any sin that men commit, transgressing
 against Jehovah, and that person be guilty; then they 7
 shall confess their sin which they have committed; and he
 shall restore that in which he hath trespassed in its
 original state, and add to it a fifth part more, and give it
 to him against whom he hath trespassed. But if the man 8
 have no kinsman to whom the trespass can be restored,
 let the trespass be restored to Jehovah, to the priest;
 beside the ram of the atonement, by which an atonement
 shall be made for him.

And every heave-offering of all the holy things of the 9
 children of Israel, which they bring to the priest, shall be
 his. And every man’s hallowed things shall be his: what- 10
 soever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.’”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the 11
 children of Israel, and say to them, ‘If any man’s wife go
 astray, and be guilty of a transgression against him, and a 13
 man lie carnally with her, and it be hidden from the eyes
 of her husband, and be kept secret, and she be defiled, and
 there be no witness against her, and she be not taken *in the*
fact; but the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be 14
 jealous of his wife, who hath been defiled: or if the spirit
 of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife,
 although she hath not been defiled; then shall the man 15
 bring his wife to the priest; he shall also bring her offering
 for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall
 not pour oil upon it, nor put frankincense on it; for it is

an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing
16 iniquity to remembrance. And the priest shall bring her
17 near, and place her before Jehovah; and the priest shall
take holy water in an earthen vessel, and some of the dust
that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take,
18 and put it into the water: then the priest shall place the
woman before Jehovah, and uncover the woman's head, and
put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the
offering of jealousy: and in the hand of the priest shall be
19 the bitter water that causeth the curse. And the priest
shall adjure her, and say to the woman, If no man have
lain with thee, and if thou have not gone astray to uncleanness
with another instead of thy husband, be thou unhurt
20 by this bitter water that causeth the curse: but if thou
have gone astray *to another* instead of thy husband, and if
thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside
21 thy husband;—then the priest shall adjure the woman;
and the priest shall say to the woman,—“May Jehovah
make thee an execration and an oath among thy people, by
Jehovah's making thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;
22 and may this water that causeth the curse go into thy
bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot.
23 And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. Then the priest
shall write these execrations in a book, and he shall blot
24 them out with the bitter water; and he shall cause the
woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse; and
the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and be*
25 bitter. Then the priest shall take the offering of jealousy
out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before
26 Jehovah, and offer it upon the altar: and the priest shall
take a handful of the offering, the memorial of it, and burn
it upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to
27 drink the water. And when he hath made her to drink the
water, if she be defiled, and have been guilty of a trans-
gression against her husband, the water that causeth the
curse shall enter into her, *and be* bitter, and her belly shall
swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be an
28 execration among her people. But if the woman be not
defiled, but be clean; then she shall be unhurt, and shall
29 conceive seed. This is the law of jealousies. When a wife
goeth astray *to another* instead of her husband, and is de-
30 filed; or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and
he is jealous of his wife, and he shall place the woman be-

fore Jehovah, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law; then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, but the 31 woman shall bear her iniquity.’”

CHAP. VI.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘When 2
 a man or a woman will distinguish *themselves* by vowing
 the vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* to Jehovah;
 he shall abstain from wine, and strong drink; no vinegar 3
 of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, shall he drink, no
 liquor of grapes shall he drink, nor shall he eat grapes,
 moist or dried. All the days of his separation he shall eat 4
 nothing that is produced from the vine, from the stones of
 the grapes even to the husk. All the days of the vow of 5
 his separation no razor shall come upon his head: until the
 days in which he separateth himself to Jehovah be com-
 pleted he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of
 his head grow. All the days that he separateth himself to 6
 Jehovah he shall not come near a dead body. He shall not 7
 make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for
 his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because the
 consecration of his God is upon his head. All the days of 8
 his separation he is holy to Jehovah. And if any one die 9
 very suddenly near him, and he hath defiled the head of his
 consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his
 cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. And on 10
 the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves, or two young
 pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting;
 and the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the 11
 other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for
 him, for having sinned respecting the dead, and he shall
 hallow his head *again* on that day. And he shall separate 12
 to Jehovah the days of his separation, and shall bring a
 lamb of the first year for a trespass-offering: but the days
 that were before shall be lost, because his separation was
 defiled.

This also is the law of the Nazarite. When the days 13
 of his separation are completed, he shall be brought to the
 door of the tent of meeting; and he shall offer his offering 14
 to Jehovah, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish
 for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year
 without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without
 blemish for a peace-offering, and a basket of unleavened 15

bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. And the priest shall bring them before Jehovah, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering. And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings to Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meal-offering, and his drink-offering. And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tent of meeting; and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings. And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven; and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jehovah: this is holy for the priest, with the wave-breast and heave-shoulder. And after that the Nazarite may drink wine.— This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed his offering to Jehovah for his separation, besides what *else* he can afford: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.’”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus shall ye bless the children of Israel, saying to them,

May Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee!

May Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious to thee!

May Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!’

Thus they shall put my name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”

CHAP. VII.—And it came to pass on the day in which Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, with all its utensils, and had also anointed and sanctified the altar with all its utensils, that the chiefs of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the chiefs of the tribes, and had the command of them who were mustered, offered. And they brought their offering before Jehovah; six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the chiefs, and for every one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle. And Jehovah

spake to Moses, saying, "Take *these* from them, that they 5 may be employed in the service of the tent of meeting; and give them to the Levites, to every one according to his service." So Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and 6 gave them to the Levites. Two wagons and four oxen he 7 gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service: And four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of 8 Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. But to the sons of 9 Kohath he gave none; because to them belonged the service of the sanctuary, which they were to carry upon their shoulders.

And the chiefs offered for the dedication of the altar, on 10 the day in which it was anointed; the chiefs offered their offering before the altar. For Jehovah had said to Moses, "They 11 shall offer their offering, each chief on his day, for the dedication of the altar."

And he who offered his offering on the first day was 12 Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah: and his offering was one silver dish, of the weight of a hun- 13 dred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one 14 golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young 15 bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a 17 sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab.

On the second day Nethanel, the son of Zuar, chief of 18 Issachar, offered. He offered for his offering one silver dish, 19 of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, 20 full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of 21 the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for 22 a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two 23 oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Nethanel, the son of Zuar.

On the third day Eliab, the son of Helon, chief of the 24 children of Zebulun, offered. His offering was one silver 25 dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one

silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Eliab, the son of Helon.

On the fourth day Elizur, the son of Shedeur, chief of the children of Reuben, *offered*. His offering was one silver dish, of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense pot of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Elizur, the son of Shedeur.

On the fifth day Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai, chief of the children of Simeon, *offered*. His offering was one silver dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai.

On the sixth day Eliasaph, the son of Deuel, chief of the children of Gad, *offered*. His offering was one silver dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Eliasaph, the son of Deuel.

On the seventh day Elishama, the son of Ammihud, chief

of the children of Ephraim, *offered*. His offering was one ⁴⁹ silver dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, ⁵⁰ full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of ⁵¹ the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for ⁵² a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two ⁵³ oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Elishama, the son of Ammi-hud.

On the eighth day Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur, chief of ⁵⁴ the children of Manasseh, *offered*. His offering was one ⁵⁵ silver dish, of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, full of ⁵⁶ incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first ⁵⁷ year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin- ⁵⁸ offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five ⁵⁹ rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur.

On the ninth day Abidan, the son of Gideoni, chief of the ⁶⁰ children of Benjamin, *offered*. His offering was one silver ⁶¹ dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*, ⁶² full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of ⁶³ the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for ⁶⁴ a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two ⁶⁵ oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Abidan, the son of Gideoni.

On the tenth day Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai, chief ⁶⁶ of the children of Dan, *offered*. His offering was one silver ⁶⁷ dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten ⁶⁸ *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one ⁶⁹ lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the ⁷⁰ goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, ⁷¹ two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first

year. This was the offering of Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel, the son of Ocran, chief of
73 the children of Asher, *offered*. His offering was one silver
dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver
bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil,
74 for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten *shekels*,
75 full of incense: one bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first
76 year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-
77 offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen,
five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This
was the offering of Pagiel, the son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira, the son of Enan, chief of the
79 children of Naphtali, *offered*. His offering was one silver
dish, of the weight of a hundred and thirty *shekels*, one
silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of
the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with
80 oil, for a meal-offering: one golden incense-pot of ten
81 *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb
82 of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for
83 a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen,
five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This
was the offering of Ahira, the son of Enan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar, on the day in which
it was anointed, by the chiefs of Israel: twelve dishes of
85 silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve incense-pots of gold: each
dish of silver *weighing* a hundred and thirty *shekels*, each
bowl seventy: all the silver vessels two thousand and four
hundred *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary:
86 the golden incense-pots *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing*
ten *shekels* each, according to the shekel of the sanctuary:
all the gold of the incense-pots *was* a hundred and twenty
87 *shekels*. All the bullocks for the burnt-offering *were* twelve,
the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with
their meal-offering: and the kids of the goats for sin-offering,
88 twelve. And all the bullocks for the sacrifice of the peace-
offerings *were* twenty-four, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty,
the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication
of the altar, after it was anointed.

89 Now when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak
with *Jehovah*, he heard the voice of one speaking to him
from off the lid that was upon the ark of the testimo-

nials, from between the two cherubim: and he spake to him.

CHAP. VIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
 “Speak to Aaron, and say to him, ‘When thou settest up 2
 the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the
 lamp-stand.’” And Aaron did so: in front of the lamp- 3
 stand he set up its lamps as Jehovah commanded Moses.
 Now this was the work of the lamp-stand; it was of solid 4
 gold; both its shaft and its flowers were solid work: according
 to the pattern which Jehovah had shewn to Moses, so
 he had made the lamp-stand.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Take the Levites 6
 from among the children of Israel, and purify them. And 7
 thus shalt thou do to them, to purify them: Sprinkle water
 of cleansing upon them, and let them pass a razor over their
 whole body, and let them wash their clothes, and so purify
 themselves. Then let them take a young bullock with his 8
 meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, and another young
 bullock take thou for a sin-offering. And thou shalt bring 9
 the Levites before the tent of meeting: and thou shalt
 gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:
 and thou shalt bring the Levites before Jehovah; and the 10
 children of Israel shall lay their hands upon the Levites:
 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before Jehovah for an 11
 offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the
 service of Jehovah. And the Levites shall lay their hands 12
 upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer one
 for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, to
 Jehovah, to make an atonement for the Levites. And thou 13
 shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and
 offer them for an offering to Jehovah. Thus shalt thou 14
 separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and
 the Levites shall be mine. And after that the Levites shall 15
 go in to do the service of the tent of meeting, when thou
 shalt have purified them, and offered them for an offering.
 For they are wholly given to me from among the children 16
 of Israel; instead of that which openeth every womb, the
 first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them for
 myself. For all the first-born of the children of Israel are 17
 mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every
 first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.
 And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the 18

- 19 children of Israel. And I have given the Levites *as* a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel; that there may be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh to the sanctuary."
- 20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the
- 21 children of Israel did to them. And the Levites purified themselves, and washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them *as* an offering before Jehovah; and Aaron made an
- 22 atonement for them to purify them. And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons: as Jehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.
- 24 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "This it is that belongeth to the Levites: from the age of twenty-five years and upward they shall enter in to perform the service of the
- 25 tent of meeting; and from the age of fifty years they shall cease from performing the service *of it*, and shall serve no
- 26 more: they shall minister with their brethren in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, but shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do to the Levites concerning their charge."

- 1 CHAP. IX.—Now Jehovah had spoken to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,
- 2 "Let the children of Israel keep the passover at its ap-
- 3 pointed season. In the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, ye shall keep it at its appointed season: according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances, ye
- 4 shall keep it." And Moses spake to the children of Israel,
- 5 that they should keep the passover. So they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at evening, in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that Jehovah had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.
- 6 But there were certain men who were defiled by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on
- 7 that day: and these men said to him, "We are defiled by the dead body of a man: why should we be kept back, from offering the offering of Jehovah at its appointed

season among the children of Israel?" And Moses said 8 to them, "Wait ye till I hear what Jehovah will command concerning you." And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 9 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If any one of 10 you or of your posterity shall be defiled by a dead body, or be on a journey afar off, yet he must keep the passover to Jehovah. On the fourteenth day of the second month, at 11 evening, they shall keep it, *and* eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. They shall leave none of it until the 12 morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the statutes of the passover they shall keep it. But the man 13 who is clean and not on a journey, yet forbearth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people, because he offered not the offering of Jehovah at its appointed season: that man shall bear his sin. And if a 14 stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover to Jehovah; according to the statute of the passover, and according to its ordinances, so shall he do: ye shall have one statute, both for the stranger, and for him who was born in the land.'"

And on the day in which the tabernacle was set up, the 15 cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimonials: and at evening there was upon the tabernacle the appearance of fire, until the morning. So it was continually: the cloud 16 covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night. Now whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, 17 then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel encamped. At the command of Jehovah the children of Israel 18 journeyed, and at the command of Jehovah they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped. And when the cloud tarried upon the 19 tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah, and journeyed not. And whenever the 20 cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle, at the command of Jehovah they remained encamped, and at the command of Jehovah they journeyed. And whenever the cloud abode 21 from evening till morning, and the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed; whether it were by day or by night, when the cloud was taken up they journeyed. But were it for days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud 22 tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding upon it, the children of Israel remained encamped, and journeyed not: but when

23 it was taken up, they journeyed. At the command of Jehovah they remained encamped, and at the command of Jehovah they journeyed: they kept the charge of Jehovah, at the command of Jehovah *given* by Moses.

1 CHAP. X.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Make thee two trumpets of silver: of solid *silver* thou shalt make them; and thou shalt use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when both are blown the whole assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tent of meeting. But when only one is blown, the chiefs, the heads of the families of Israel, shall gather themselves to thee.—When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east side shall march. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their march: they shall blow an alarm for their marches. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.—And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before Jehovah your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.—Also on the day of your gladness, and on your solemn days, and at the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am Jehovah your God.”

11 And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, of the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimonials. And the children of Israel took their journeys from the desert of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the desert of Paran. Then first they took their journey at the command of Jehovah *given* by Moses.—In the front went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their hosts: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethaneel the son of Zuar. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.—Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon

and the sons of Merari journeyed, carrying the tabernacle.
 —Next went the standard of the camp of Reuben accord- 18
 ing to their hosts: and over his host was Elizur the son of
 Shedeur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of 19
 Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. And over 20
 the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph
 the son of Deuel.—Then the Kohathites journeyed, carrying 21
 the sanctuary: and *the others* set up the tabernacle against
 they came.—Next went the standard of the camp of the 22
 children of Ephraim according to their hosts: and over
 his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. And over 23
 the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was
 Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And over the host of the 24
 tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of
 Gideoni.—Next went the standard of the camp of the chil- 25
 dren of Dan in the rear of all the camps according to their
 hosts: and over his host was Ahiezzer the son of Ammi-
 shaddai. And over the host of the tribe of the children of 26
 Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. And over the host of 27
 the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of
 Enan. Such were the journeys of the children of Israel 28
 according to their hosts, when they journeyed.

And Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midian- 29
 ite, the father-in-law of Moses, “We are journeying to the
 place of which Jehovah hath said, ‘I give it to you:’ come
 thou with us, and we will do thee good: for Jehovah hath
 spoken good concerning Israel.” And he said to him, “I 30
 will not go; but I will depart to my own land, and to my
 kindred.”—But *Moses* said, “Leave us not, I pray thee: 31
 since thou knowest our encampments in the wilderness, and
 thou mayest be to us instead of eyes. And it shall be, if 32
 thou go with us, and the good which Jehovah is about to
 do to us, happens, we will do good to thee.”

And they departed from the mountain of Jehovah three 33
 days’ journey: and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah
 went before them during the three days’ journey, to search
 out a place for their encampment. And the cloud of Jeho- 34
 vah was upon them by day, when they journeyed from *their*
 encampment. And it came to pass when the ark set forward, 35
 Moses said, “Arise, O Jehovah, and let thine enemies be
 scattered, and let those who hate thee flee before thee.”
 And when it rested, he said, “Return, O Jehovah, to the 36
 myriads of Israel!”

- 1 CHAP. XI.—And the people complained wickedly in the hearing of Jehovah : and Jehovah heard it ; and his anger was kindled ; and the fire of Jehovah burnt among them, 2 and consumed in the uttermost parts of the camp. And the people cried to Moses ; and when Moses prayed to Jehovah, 3 the fire ceased. And he called the name of the place Taberah [BURNING] ; because the fire of Jehovah had burnt 4 among them. And the mixed multitude that was among them eagerly longed *for other food* : and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, “Who will give us flesh to 5 eat ? We remember the fish which we ate in Egypt for nothing ; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and 6 the onions, and the garlick : but now we are withering away, there being nothing at all, besides this manna, before 7 our eyes.” (Now the manna was as coriander-seed, and its colour as the colour of bdellium. The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, or made hearth-cakes of it ; and 9 the taste of it was as the taste of oiled cake. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with 10 it.) Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent : and the anger of Jehovah was kindled greatly ; Moses also was displeased. 11 And Moses said to Jehovah, “Why hast thou afflicted thy servant ? and why have I not found favour in thy sight, that 12 thou layest the burden of all this people upon me ? Have I conceived all this people ? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say to me, ‘Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land 13 which thou swearest *to give* to their fathers ?’ Whence should I have flesh to give to all this people ? when they weep about me, saying, ‘Give us flesh, that we may eat.’ 14 I am not able alone to bear all this people, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me, 15 I pray thee, instantly, if I have found favour in thy sight, and let me not see my wretchedness.” 16 And Jehovah said to Moses, “Call together seventy of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders and officers of the people ; and bring them to the tent of meet- 17 ing, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there ; and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear

it not thyself alone. And say thou to the people, 'Sanctify 18 yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh : since ye have wept in the ears of Jehovah, saying, Who will give us flesh to eat ! it was well with us in Egypt : therefore Jehovah will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Not one day 19 shall ye eat, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, but a whole month, until it come out at your 20 nostrils, and it be loathsome to you : because ye have despised Jehovah who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we out of Egypt ?' " And Moses 21 said, " The people, in the midst of whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen ; and yet thou sayest, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Were the 22 flocks and herds to be slain for them, would it suffice them ? or were all the fish of the sea to be gathered together for them, would it suffice them ? " And Jehovah said to 23 Moses, " Is the hand of Jehovah shortened ? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not."

And Moses went out, and told the people the words of 24 Jehovah, and gathered together seventy of the elders of the people, and placed them around the tent. And Jehovah 25 came down in the cloud, and spake to him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it to the seventy elders : and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But two men remained in the camp, the name of the one 26 was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad : and the spirit rested upon them : (for they were amongst those who were enrolled, but they had not gone to the tent ;) and they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told 27 Moses, and said, " Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the chosen attendant 28 on Moses, answered and said, " My lord Moses, forbid them." And Moses said to him, " Art thou jealous on my 29 account ? Oh that all the people of Jehovah were prophets, that Jehovah would put his spirit upon them ! "

And Moses returned into the camp, together with the 30 elders of Israel. Then there went forth a wind from Jehovah 31 and brought quails from the sea, and scattered them about the camp, about a day's journey on one side, and about a day's journey on the other side around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. And the people stood up all 32 that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and

gathered the quails : he who gathered the least gathered ten
omers : and they spread them all abroad for themselves
33 around the camp. The flesh was yet between their teeth,
unchewed, when the wrath of Jehovah was kindled against
the people, and Jehovah smote the people with a very great
34 plague. So the name of that place was called Kibroth-
hattaavah [THE GRAVES OF LONGING]: because there they
buried the people who had longed.

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto
Hazereth. Now while they abode at Hazereth, CHAP. XII.
1 Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the
Cushite woman whom he had married ; for he had married
2 a Cushite woman ; and said, "Hath Jehovah indeed spoken
by Moses only ? hath he not spoken also by us ?" And
3 Jehovah heard *it*. (Now this man, Moses, was the meekest
4 of all men who were upon the face of all the earth.) And
Jehovah said suddenly to Moses, and to Aaron, and to Miriam,
"Come out ye three to the tent of meeting." And they
5 three went out. And Jehovah came down in the pillar of the
cloud, and stood at the door of the tent, and called Aaron
6 and Miriam : and they both came forth. And he said,
"Hear now my words : If there be a prophet of Jehovah
among you, I make myself known to him in a vision, and
7 speak to him in a dream. Not so my servant Moses, who
8 is intrusted with all my house. With him I speak mouth
to mouth, plainly, and not obscurely ; and the similitude of
Jehovah he beholds : wherefore then were ye not afraid to
9 speak against my servant Moses ?" And the anger of Je-
10 hovah was kindled against them ; and he departed. And
the cloud departed from off the tent ; when lo, Miriam *be-*
came leprous, like snow : and Aaron looked upon Miriam,
11 and, lo, she was leprous. And Aaron said to Moses, "Alas,
my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein
12 we have done foolishly and wherein we have sinned. Let
her not be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed
13 when he cometh out of his mother's womb !" And Moses
cried to Jehovah, saying, "Heal her now, O God, I beseech
14 thee !" And Jehovah said to Moses, "If her father had
but spit before her face, should she not be ashamed seven
days ? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and
15 after that let her be taken in again." And Miriam was shut
out from the camp seven days : and the people journeyed
16 not till Miriam was taken in again. And afterward the

people removed from Hazeroth, and encamped in the desert of Paran.

CHAP. XIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, ¹
 “Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, ²
 which I give to the children of Israel: of every tribe of
 their fathers ye shall send one man, every one a ruler among
 them. And Moses at the command of Jehovah sent them ³
 from the desert of Paran: all those men were chiefs of
 the children of Israel. And these were their names: Of the ⁴
 tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. Of the tribe ⁵
 of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. Of the tribe of Judah, ⁶
 Caleb the son of Jephunneh. Of the tribe of Issachar, ⁷
 Igal the son of Joseph. Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshua ⁸
 the son of Nun. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son ⁹
 of Raphu. Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gadiel the son of ¹⁰
 Sodi. Of the tribe of Joseph (that is, of the tribe of Ma- ¹¹
 nasseh), Gadi the son of Susi. Of the tribe of Dan, Amiel ¹²
 the son of Gemali. Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of ¹³
 Michael. Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. ¹⁴
 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. These were ¹⁶
 the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land.
 Now Moses had named Oshua the son of Nun, Joshua.

And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and ¹⁷
 said to them, “Go up this *way*, the south, and go up into
 the mountainous country; and see the land what it is; ¹⁸
 and the people who dwell in it, whether they be strong or
 weak, few or many; and whether the land in which they ¹⁹
 dwell, be good or bad; and what cities they be in which
 they dwell, whether in camps, or in fortified cities; and ²⁰
 whether the land be rich or poor, whether there be wood in
 it or not: and be ye of good courage, and bring some of the
 fruit of the land, since it is the season of the first ripe
 grapes. So they went up, and searched the land, from the ²¹
 desert of Zin to Rehob, in the way to Hamath. And ²²
 they went up by the south, and came to Hebron, and there
 were Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak.
 Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.
 And they came to the valley of Eshcol, and cut down thence ²³
 a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it upon
 a pole, between two, with some pomegranates, and some
 figs. That place was called the valley of Eshcol [A CLUSTER ²⁴
 OF GRAPES], because of the cluster of grapes which the

25 children of Israel cut down thence. And they returned
26 from searching the land after forty days; and they went
and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congrega-
tion of the children of Israel, to the desert of Paran, to
Kadesh; and made report to them, and to all the congre-
27 gation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. And they
told him, and said, "We went to the land whither thou
sentest us, and truly it floweth with milk and honey; and
28 this is the fruit of it. But the people who dwell in the
land are strong, and the cities are walled, *and* very great:
29 the children of Anak also we saw there. The Amalekites
dwell in the southern part of the land; and the Hittites,
and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell among the
mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the
30 side of Jordan."—And Caleb stilled the people towards
Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for
31 we are well able to subdue it." But the men who had gone
up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the
32 people; for they are stronger than we." They also spread
among the children of Israel an evil report of the land
which they had searched, saying, "The land, through which
we passed, to search it, is a land that devoureth its inhabi-
tants: and all the people that we saw in it are men of a
33 great stature; and there we saw the giants, the sons of
Anak, of the race of the giants; and we were in our own
sight as locusts, and so we were in their sight."

1 CHAP. XIV.—And all the congregation lifted up their
voices, and cried; and the people wept during that night.
2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and
against Aaron: and the whole congregation said to them,
"Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt! or that in
3 this desert we might die! For why hath Jehovah brought
us into this land, to fall by the sword, and our wives and our
children to become a prey? would it not be better for us to
4 return into Egypt?" And they said to one another, "Let us
5 appoint a chief, and let us return into Egypt." Then Moses
and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the
6 congregation of the children of Israel. And Joshua the
son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* of
7 those that had searched the land, rent their clothes, and
spake to all the congregation of the children of Israel, say-
ing, "The land, through which we passed to search it, is an

exceeding good land. If Jehovah delight in us, he will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against 9 Jehovah, nor fear ye the people of the land; for they will be bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and Jehovah is with us: fear them not." Then all the congre- 10 gation spake of stoning them with stones: but the glory of Jehovah appeared on the tent of meeting, before all the children of Israel. And Jehovah said to Moses, "How long 11 will this people provoke me? and how long will they distrust me, after all the signs which I have shewed among them? I will smite them with pestilence, and disinherit them, and 12 will make thee a nation greater and mightier than they." But Moses said to Jehovah, "Since the Egyptians have 13 heard that thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them; and have told it to the inhabitants of this 14 land; *and these* have heard that thou, Jehovah, art among this people; that thou, Jehovah, art seen face to face; and thy cloud remaineth over them; and *that* thou goest before them, by day in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.—Now, if thou kill all this people as one man, the 15 nations who have heard their report of thee will speak, saying, 'Because Jehovah was not able to bring this people 16 into the land which he sware to them, therefore he hath slain them in the desert.' And now, I beseech thee, let 17 thy power, O Jehovah, be magnified, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 'Jehovah is slow to anger, but abundant in 18 mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, acquitting even him who is not innocent; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and to the fourth generation.' Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this 19 people, according to the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people from *their leaving* Egypt even until now." And Jehovah said, "I pardon *them*, according to thy 20 word: yet truly as I live, and *as* all the earth is filled with 21 the glory of Jehovah, none of those men, who have seen my 22 glory, and my miracles which I have done in Egypt and in the desert, and have tried me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice, shall see the land which 23 I sware to their fathers; none of those who have despised me shall see it. But my servant Caleb, because he had 24 another spirit in him, and hath followed me fully, I will bring him into the land into which he hath been, and his

25 seed shall possess it. Since the Amalekites and the Canaanites are stationed in the valley, turn about to-morrow and journey towards the desert by the way of the Red Sea.”

26 Again Jehovah spake to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
27 “How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation, who murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the
28 children of Israel, which they utter against me. Say to them, ‘As I live, saith Jehovah, as ye have spoken in my
29 hearing, so will I do to you: in this desert, your carcases shall fall; and none of you who were mustered, according to your whole number, from the age of twenty years and
30 upward, who have murmured against me, shall go into the land in which I swore that ye should dwell, except Caleb the
31 son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, who ye said would be a prey, I will bring in, and
32 they shall know the land which ye have despised. But
33 as for you, your carcases shall fall in this desert. And your children shall wander in the desert forty years, and bear your transgressions, until your carcases are wasted in the
34 desert. According to the number of the days in which ye were searching the land, forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years; and ye shall
35 know my estrangement *from you*. I Jehovah have said, I will surely do it to all this evil congregation, who have gathered together against me; in this desert they shall be
36 consumed, and there they shall die.’” Now the men whom Moses had sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up
37 an evil report concerning the land, even those men, who brought up the evil report concerning the land, died by the
38 plague before Jehovah. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, survived of the men who went to search the land.

39 Then Moses told these things to all the children of Israel:
40 and the people mourned greatly. And they rose early in the morning, that they might go up to the hill-top, saying,
“Lo, we are here, and will go up to the place which Jehovah
41 hath promised: for we have sinned.” And Moses said,
“Why will ye now transgress the command of Jehovah?
42 but it will not prosper. Go not up, for Jehovah is not
43 among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and

ye shall fall by the sword: because ye have turned away from Jehovah, Jehovah will not be with you." But they 44 presumed to go up to the hill-top; although the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and Moses, moved not from the midst of the camp. Then the Amalekites, and the Canaanites who 45 were stationed on that hill, came down to meet them, and smote them, and discomfited them unto Hormah.

CHAP. XV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'When 2
 ye come into the land of your habitation, which I give to
 you, and will make an offering by fire to Jehovah, a burnt- 3
 offering, or a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or as a free-will-
 offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make an acceptable
 odour to Jehovah, from the herd, or from the flock; then 4
 shall he who offereth his offering to Jehovah bring a meal-
 offering of a tenth *part of an ephah* of fine flour, mingled
 with the fourth *part* of a hin of oil. And the fourth *part* 5
 of a hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare,
 with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for every lamb. But 6
 for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meal-offering two-tenths
 of an *ephah* of fine flour mingled with the third *part* of a
 hin of oil. And for a drink-offering thou shalt offer the 7
 third *part* of a hin of wine, an acceptable odour to Jehovah.
 And when thou preparest a bullock as a burnt-offering, or 8
 as a sacrifice to accomplish a vow, or as a peace-offering to
 Jehovah; then shall be brought with a bullock a meal- 9
 offering of three-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mingled
 with half a hin of oil. And thou shalt bring for a 10
 drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by
 fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah. Thus shall it be done 11
 for a bullock, or for a ram, or for a lamb, or for a kid.
 According to the number that ye shall prepare, thus shall 12
 ye offer for every one, according to their number. Every 13
 one born in the land shall do these things in this manner,
 in offering an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to
 Jehovah. And if a stranger sojourning with you, or whoso- 14
 ever be *living* among you throughout your generations, will
 offer an offering made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jeho-
 vah; as ye do, so he shall do. There shall be one statute 15
 for you of the congregation, and for the stranger that
 sojourneth *with you*, a perpetual statute throughout your
 generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before

16 Jehovah: one law and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.’”

18 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘When ye come into 19 the land into which I am bringing you, and ye are about to eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up a heave- 20 offering to Jehovah. Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for a heave-offering; as the heave-offering 21 of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it. Of the first of your dough ye shall give to Jehovah a heave-offering throughout your generations.

22 And if ye have erred, and not observed all these com- 23 mandments which Jehovah hath spoken to Moses, all that Jehovah hath commanded you by Moses, from the day in which Jehovah commanded *Moses*, and thenceforward 24 throughout your generations; if a sin have been committed through ignorance, without the knowledge of the congregation, then the whole congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for an acceptable odour to Jehovah, with its meal-offering, and its drink-offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats for a 25 sin-offering. Thus the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and they shall be forgiven: for it was *done through* ignorance, and they have brought their offering, a sacrifice made by fire to Jehovah, and their sin-offering before Jehovah, for their *sin* 26 *of* ignorance. And all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger who sojourneth among them, shall be forgiven; since all the people *sinned* through ignorance. 27 And if any soul sin through ignorance, he shall bring a 28 she-goat of the first year for a sin-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul who hath sinned through ignorance, when he hath sinned through ignorance before Jehovah, to make an atonement for him; and he 29 shall be forgiven. Ye shall have one law for him who sinneth through ignorance, *both* for him who is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourneth 30 among them. But the soul who doeth any thing presumptuously, *whether* born in the land, or a stranger, he insulteth Jehovah; that soul therefore shall be cut off from 31 among his people. Because he has despised the word of Jehovah, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.’”

Now while the children of Israel were in the desert, they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath-day. And they who had found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation; and they put him in custody, because it had not been declared what should be done to him. And Jehovah said to Moses, "The man shall be surely put to death: the whole congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp." So the whole congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and bid them to make, throughout their generations, fringes on the borders of their garments, and to put upon the fringe of the borders a riband of blue; and ye shall have this fringe, that when ye look upon it, ye may remember all the commandments of Jehovah, and do them; and not wander after your own heart, and your own eyes, after which ye have gone astray; that ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am Jehovah your God."

CHAP. XVI.—Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi; and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, murmured; and they rose up before Moses, with two hundred and fifty men of the children of Israel, princes of the assembly, the called of the congregation, men of renown; and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, "*Ye take* too much upon you, since all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Jehovah is among them: why then do ye exalt yourselves above the congregation of Jehovah?" And when Moses heard this, he fell upon his face; and he spake to Korah, and to all his company, saying, "In the morning Jehovah will shew who is his, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to him; him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near to him. This do: Take ye censers, Korah, and all his company, and put fire in them, and put incense on them before Jehovah to-morrow; and that man whom Jehovah shall choose, shall be holy: *ye take* too much upon you, ye sons of Levi." And Moses also said to Korah, s

9 "Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: Is it a small thing with you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Jehovah, and to stand
10 before the congregation, to minister to them? And he hath brought thee, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi, near
11 to himself; and ye seek the priesthood also. For which cause *both* thou and all thy company are gathered together against Jehovah: for what is Aaron, that ye murmur against
12 him?" Then Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the
13 sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up. Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the desert, that
14 thou wouldst make thyself a prince over us? Moreover, thou hast not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? We will not
15 come up." And Moses was very angry, and said to Jehovah, "Respect not thou their offering! Not one ass have I taken away from them, nor have I injured one of them."
16 And Moses said to Korah, "Be thou and all thy company
17 before Jehovah, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-morrow; and take every man his censer, and put incense on them, and bring ye before Jehovah every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each *of you* his
18 censer." And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense on them, and stood at the door of
19 the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them, to the door of the tent of meeting; and the glory of Jehovah appeared to
20 all the congregation. And Jehovah spake to Moses, and to
21 Aaron, saying, "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And
22 they fell upon their faces, and said, "O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth
23 with all the congregation?" Again Jehovah spake to Moses,
24 saying, "Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Go ye up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'"
25 And Moses rose up, and went to Dathan and Abiram;
26 and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake to the congregation, saying, "Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of
27 theirs lest ye be consumed in all their sins." So they

went up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side; and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. And Moses said, "By this ye ²⁸ shall know that Jehovah hath sent me to do all these works; that *I have not done them* of my own mind. If these men ²⁹ die as all *other* men die, or if they be punished as all *other* men are punished; *then* Jehovah hath not sent me: but if ³⁰ Jehovah make a new thing, and the ground open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that belong to them, and they go down alive into the grave; then ye shall know that these men have despised Jehovah." And it came to pass when ³¹ he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them; and the earth ³² opened her mouth, and swallowed them, and their families, and all the men who *were* joined with Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *belonged* to them, went down alive into ³³ the grave, and the earth closed upon them; and they perished from among the congregation. And all the Israelites ³⁴ who were round about them fled at their cry: for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up *also*." And there came out ³⁵ a fire from Jehovah, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Speak to Eleazar ³⁷ the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire abroad; for these ³⁸ sinners have hallowed the censers by their deaths. And make them into broad plates for a covering of the altar; for they offered them before Jehovah, therefore they are hallowed; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel." So Eleazar the priest took the brazen censers, with which ³⁹ they who were burnt had offered; and they were made into broad *plates* for a covering to the altar, *to be* a memorial to ⁴⁰ the children of Israel, that no stranger, who is not of the seed of Aaron should approach to offer incense before Jehovah; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as Jehovah had said to him by Moses.

Yet, on the morrow, all the congregation of the children ⁴¹ of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "Ye have killed the people of Jehovah." And it came to ⁴² pass when the congregation was gathered together against Moses and against Aaron, that they turned toward the tent of meeting: and, lo, the cloud covered it, and the glory of

43 Jehovah appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the
44 tent of meeting. And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
45 "Go ye up from the midst of this congregation, and I will
consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.
46 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer, and put in
it fire from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly
to the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for
wrath is gone forth from Jehovah; the plague is begun.
47 And Aaron took *a censer*, as Moses commanded, and ran
into the midst of the congregation; and, lo, the plague was
begun among the people; so he put on incense, and made
48 an atonement for the people. And he stood between the
49 dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they
who died of the plague were fourteen thousand and seven
50 hundred, beside those who died in the affair of Korah. And
Aaron returned to Moses, to the door of the tent of meeting,
when the plague was stayed.

1 CHAP. XVII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,
2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and take from every one of
them a staff, according to the house of their fathers, from all
their princes, according to the house of their fathers, twelve
3 staves: write thou every man's name upon his staff. And
the name of Aaron thou shalt write upon the staff of Levi:
for each staff shall be for the head of the house of their
4 fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tent of meeting,
5 before the testimonials, where I meet with you. And it shall
come to pass that the staff of that man, whom I choose,
shall blossom, that I may cause to cease from me the mur-
murings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against
6 you." And Moses spake to the children of Israel; and all
their princes gave him a staff, a staff for each prince, accord-
ing to their fathers' houses, twelve staves: and the staff of
7 Aaron was among their staves. Then Moses laid up the
8 staves before Jehovah in the tent of the testimonials. And
it came to pass that on the morrow, Moses went into the
tent of the testimonials; and, lo, the staff of Aaron, for the
house of Levi, had budded, and brought forth buds, and
9 produced blossoms, and yielded almonds. And Moses
brought out all the staves from before Jehovah to all the
children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his
10 staff. Then Jehovah said to Moses, "Bring Aaron's staff
again before the testimonials, to be kept for a sign to the

rebels; that thou mayest entirely take away their murmurings from me, that they die not." And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him; so he did.

And the children of Israel spake to Moses, saying, "Lo, we expire, we perish, we all perish! Every one who cometh even near to the tabernacle of Jehovah dies! Must we all expire?" CHAP. XVIII.—Then Jehovah said to Aaron, "Thou, and thy sons, and thy father's house with thee, shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. And thy brethren also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, thou shalt take with thee, that they may be joined to thee, and minister to thee. Thou indeed, and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tent of the testimonials; and they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tent: but they shall not come nigh the utensils of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they nor ye die. And they shall be joined to thee, and keep the charge of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh to you. But ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar; that there be no more wrath against the children of Israel. For, lo, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel, a gift to you, given to Jehovah, to do the service of the tent of meeting. But thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for every thing about the altar, and within the veil; and ye shall serve: the priesthood I give *to you as* a gift; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death."

And Jehovah spake to Aaron, "Lo, I also give to thee the charge of my heave-offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; to thee I give them, the portion of thyself and thy sons, by a perpetual statute. This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: Every offering of theirs, every meal-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render to me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons. In the most holy *place* thou shalt eat it; every male may eat of it: it shall be holy to thee. And this is thine: the heave-offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I give them to thee, and to thy sons, and to thy daughters with thee, by a perpetual statute: every one who is clean in thy house may eat

12 of it. All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine,
 and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them, which they shall
 13 offer to Jehovah, these I give to thee. Whatsoever is first ripe
 in the land, which they shall bring to Jehovah, shall be thine :
 14 every one who is clean in thy house may eat of it. Every
 15 thing devoted in Israel shall be thine. Every thing that
 openeth the womb of all flesh, which they offer to Jehovah,
 both of men and of beasts, shall be thine : but the first-born
 of man thou shalt surely redeem, and the first-born of un-
 16 clean beasts thou shalt redeem. And those that are redeemed
 from the age of one month, thou shalt redeem according to
 thy valuation, at five shekels, according to the shekel of the
 17 sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. But the firstling of a
 cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat,
 thou shalt not redeem ; they are holy : thou shalt sprinkle
 their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat an offer-
 18 ing made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah. And the
 flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the
 19 right shoulder it shall be thine. All the heave-offerings of
 the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to Jehovah,
 I give to thee and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee,
 by a perpetual statute ; a perpetual covenant of salt before
 Jehovah to thee, and to thy seed with thee."

20 And Jehovah said to Aaron, "Thou shalt have no inheri-
 tance in their land, nor shalt thou have any portion among
 them : I am thy portion, and thine inheritance, among the
 21 children of Israel. And, lo, I give to the children of Levi
 all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance, for their service
 22 which they serve, the service of the tent of meeting. For
 the children of Israel must not henceforth come nigh the
 23 tent of meeting, lest they bear sin and die. But the Levites
 shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall
 bear their iniquity. *It shall* be a perpetual statute through-
 out your generations, that among the children of Israel they
 24 shall have no inheritance. But the tithes of the children of
 Israel, which they offer as a heave-offering to Jehovah, I give
 to the Levites to inherit : therefore I have said of them,
 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheri-
 26 tance.'" And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Speak to
 the Levites, and say to them, 'When ye take of the children
 of Israel the tithes, which I give to you from them for your
 inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave-offering of it to
 27 Jehovah, a tithe of the tithe. And *this* your heave-offering

shall be reckoned to you as the corn from the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press. Thus ye also shall 28 offer a heave-offering to Jehovah of all your tithes which ye receive of the children of Israel; and of them ye shall give the heave-offering of Jehovah to Aaron the priest. Of all 29 your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of Jehovah, of all the best of them, the part of them which is hallowed. Therefore thou shalt say to them, 'When ye have heaved 30 the best *part* of it, then it shall be counted to the Levites as the produce of the threshing-floor, and as the produce of the wine-press. And ye may eat it in any place, ye and your 31 households: for it is your reward for your service in the tent of meeting. And ye shall bear no sin on account of it, when 32 ye have heaved from it the best of it; nor shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, and die.'

CHAP. XIX.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, and to 1 Aaron, saying, "This is an ordinance of the law which Je- 2 hovah hath commanded, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring to thee a red heifer, in which is no spot, without blemish, upon which a yoke never came. And ye shall give her to Eleazar the priest, who 3 shall take her forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face. Then Eleazar the priest shall take 4 some of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of her blood directly before the tent of meeting seven times. And 5 *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn. And the 6 priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet *thread*, and cast them into the midst of the fire in which the heifer is burning. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he 7 shall bathe his body in water, and after that he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. He also who burneth *the heifer* shall wash his clothes 8 in water, and bathe his body in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. Then one who is clean shall gather up 9 the ashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel, for a water of impurity: it is a purification from sin. And he who gathereth up the ashes 10 of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. Now this shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger that sojourneth among them, a perpetual

11 statute. He that toucheth the dead body of any one shall
 12 be unclean seven days. He shall purify himself with it on
 the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but
 if he purify not himself on the third day, and on the seventh
 13 day, he shall not be clean. Whosoever toucheth the dead
 body of any one that is dead, and purifieth not himself, de-
 fileth the tabernacle of Jehovah; and that person shall be
 cut off from Israel: because the water of impurity was not
 sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean: his uncleanness is
 yet upon him.

14 And this is the law when any one dieth in a tent: All who
 come into the tent, and all who are in the tent, shall be un-
 15 clean seven days. And every open vessel, which hath no
 16 covering bound upon it, shall be unclean. And whosoever
 toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or
 a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean
 17 seven days. And for *the purification of an unclean person*,
 let them take some of the ashes of the burnt heifer of puri-
 fication from sin, and let running water be put to them in a
 18 vessel; then let a clean person take hyssop, and dip it in
 the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the
 utensils, and upon all the persons that were there, and upon
 him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a
 19 grave. And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean
 on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh
 day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe
 20 himself in water, and in the evening he shall be clean. But
 the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself,
 that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, be-
 cause he hath defiled the sanctuary of Jehovah: the water
 of impurity hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is un-
 21 clean. And it shall be a perpetual statute to you, that he
 who sprinkleth the water of impurity, shall wash his clothes;
 and he who toucheth the water of impurity shall be unclean
 22 until evening. And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth
 shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be un-
 clean until evening.' ”

1 CHAP. XX.—And the children of Israel, the whole con-
 gregation, came into the desert of Zin, in the first month,
 and the people abode in Kadesh; and there Miriam died,
 2 and there she was buried. But there was no water for the
 congregation; so they gathered themselves together against

Moses and against Aaron. And the people contended with 3
Moses, and spake, saying, "Oh that we had expired when our
brethren expired before Jehovah! And why have ye brought 4
up the congregation of Jehovah into this desert, that we and
our cattle should die here? And why have ye made us to come 5
up out of Egypt, to bring us into this evil place? it is not a
place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; and
there is no water to drink." And Moses and Aaron went 6
from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tent of
meeting, and they fell upon their faces; and the glory of
Jehovah appeared to them. And Jehovah spake to Moses, 7
saying, "Take the rod, and gather thou the congregation 8
together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye to the
rock in their presence, that it give forth its water, and that
thou mayest bring forth to them water out of the rock: so
thou shalt give drink to the congregation and their beasts." Then
Moses took the rod from before Jehovah, as he com- 9
manded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly 10
together before the rock, and *Moses* said to them, "Hear
now, ye rebels, must we bring forth water for you out of this
rock?" And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he 11
smote the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly:
and the congregation and their beasts drank. But Jehovah 12
said to Moses and Aaron, "Because ye believed me not, to
sanctify me in the presence of the children of Israel, ye
shall not bring this congregation into the land which I give
to them." This is the water of Meribah [CONTENTION]; be- 13
cause the children of Israel contended with Jehovah, and he
was sanctified in them.

And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of 14
Edom, "Thus say thy brethren the Israelites; 'Thou knowest
all the labours that have befallen us; how our fathers went 15
down into Egypt, how we dwelt in Egypt a long time, and
how the Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers: but when we 16
cried to Jehovah, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and
brought us forth out of Egypt; and, lo, we are in Kadesh, a
city in the extremity of thy border: let us pass, we pray 17
thee, through thy land: we will not pass through the fields,
or through the vineyards, nor will we drink the water of the
wells: by the king's way we will go; we will not turn to
the right hand or to the left, until we have passed thy
borders.'" But the Edomite said to him, "Thou shalt not 18
pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword."

19 And the children of Israel said to him, "By the highway we will go; and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* any thing *else*, go
20 through on my feet." But he said, "Thou shalt not go through." Then the Edomite came out against him with
21 much people, and with a strong hand. Thus the Edomite refused to give the Israelites a passage through his border: wherefore the Israelites turned away from him.

22 And the children of Israel, the whole congregation,
23 journeyed from Kadesh, and came to mount Hor. And Jehovah spake to Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, on the
24 border of the land of Edom, saying, "Aaron must be gathered to his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I give to the children of Israel, because ye rebelled
25 against my word at the waters of Meribah. Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to mount Hor; and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron shall be gathered to *his people*, and shall
27 die there." And Moses did as Jehovah commanded; and they went up to mount Hor, in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain; and Moses and Eleazar came
29 down from the mountain. And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had expired, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.

1 CHAP. XXI.—Now the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the south, heard that the Israelites were coming by the way of Atharim; and he fought against the Israelites,
2 and took some of them prisoners. And the Israelites vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, "If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will devote their
3 cities." And Jehovah hearkened to the voice of the Israelites, and delivered the Canaanites *into their hand*; and they devoted them and their cities: so the name of the place was called Hormah [THE DEVOTED PLACE].

4 Then they journeyed from mount Hor, by the way of the Red Sea, to go round the land of Edom: and the soul of the
5 people was dispirited because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, "Why have ye brought us up out of Egypt, to die in the desert? for there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loatheth

this very light bread." And Jehovah sent fiery serpents 6 among the people, and they bit the people; so that much people of the Israelites died. Therefore the people came to 7 Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against Jehovah, and against thee; pray to Jehovah, that he may take away the serpents from us." And Moses prayed for the people. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Make thee a 8 fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass that every one who is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live." So Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it 9 upon a pole: and it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

And the children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in 10 Oboth. And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped at 11 Ije-abarim, in the desert which is before Moab, toward the sun-rising. Thence they journeyed, and encamped in 12 the valley of Zared. Thence they journeyed, and encamped 13 by the side of Arnon, which *flows* through the desert coming out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the boundary of the Moabites, between the Moabites and the Amorites. Wherefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of 14 Jehovah,

"He showed himself in a tempest,

And the torrents of Arnon;

And he poured forth the torrents that turn to Shebeth-ar, 15

And lean on the border of Moab."

And thence *they journeyed* to Beer: that is the well 16 where Jehovah spake to Moses, "Gather the people together, and I will give them water." Then the Israelites 17 sang this song;

"Spring up, O well; sing ye to it:

Well, which the princes digged,

Which the nobles of the people digged,

Digging with their staves."

And from the desert *they journeyed* to Mattanah; and 19 from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; and from Bamoth *in* the valley, that is in the country of 20 Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh towards Jeshimon.

And Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the 21 Amorites, saying, "Let me pass through thy land; we will 22 not turn into the fields, or the vineyards; we will not drink

of the water of the well : we will go along by the king's
 23 highway, until we be past thy borders." But Sihon would
 not suffer the Israelites to pass through his border. So Sihon
 gathered all his people together, and went out against the
 Israelites into the desert ; and he came to Jahaz, and fought
 24 against the Israelites. And the Israelites smote him with
 the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from
 the Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the children of Ammon :
 25 for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong. And
 the Israelites took all these cities ; and the Israelites dwelt
 in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its
 26 villages. For Heshbon was the city of Sihon, the king of
 the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of
 Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even to the
 27 Arnon. Wherefore the poets have said,

"Come to Heshbon, let it be rebuilt,
 Let the city of Sihon be repaired :
 28 For a fire went forth from Heshbon,
 A flame from the city of Sihon :
 It consumed Ar of Moab,
 The lords of Bamoth-Arnon.
 Alas for thee, Moab !
 Thou art undone, O people of Chemosh :
 He gave up his sons to flight,
 And his daughters to captivity,
 To Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 And their sown fields Heshbon destroyed unto Dibon,
 Their fallow fields unto Nophah, which *reacheth* to Me-
 deba."

31 Thus the Israelites dwelt in the land of the Amorites.
 32 And Moses sent men to spy out Jazer ; and they took its
 33 villages, and drove out the Amorites who were there. And
 they turned, and went up by the way to Bashan : and Og
 the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his
 34 people, to battle at Edrei. And Jehovah said to Moses,
 "Fear him not : for I have delivered him into thy hand,
 and all his people, and his land ; and thou shalt do to
 him as thou didst to Sihon king of the Amorites, who
 35 dwelt at Heshbon." So they smote him, and his sons
 and all his people, until there was none left to him alive,
 1 and they took possession of his land. CHAP. XXII.—
 And the children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in the
 plains of Moab, on the side of the Jordan *opposite* to Jericho.

And Balak, the son of Zippor, saw all that the Israelites 2 had done to the Amorites. And the Moabites were greatly 3 afraid of the people, because they were numerous: and the Moabites were distressed because of the children of Israel. And the Moabites said to the elders of Midian, "This mul- 4 titude will now lick up all around us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field." Now Balak, the son of Zippor, was king of the Moabites at that time. And he sent messengers 5 to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of Ammon, to invite him, saying, "Lo, there is a people come out from Egypt; and, lo, they cover the face of the land, and they are set down over against me. Come now, therefore, I pray thee, curse for 6 me this people, for they are too mighty for me: perhaps I shall be able to smite them, and to drive them out of the land: for I know that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed." And the elders of Moab, 7 and the elders of Midian departed, with the rewards of divination in their hands; and they came to Balaam, and spake to him the words of Balak. And he said to them, "Lodge 8 here this night, and I will bring you an answer, as Jehovah shall speak to me." So the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

And God came to Balaam, and said, "Who are these men 9 that are with thee?" And Balaam said to God, "Balak, the 10 son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent to me, saying, 'Lo, 11 a people is come out of Egypt, who cover the face of the land: now then come, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and to drive them out.'"

And God 12 said to Balaam, "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed." And Balaam 13 rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, "Go ye to your own land: for Jehovah refuseth to permit me to go with you." And the princes of Moab rose up, and 14 they went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuseth to come with us."

And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more hon- 15 ourable than they. And they came to Balaam, and said to 16 him, "Thus saith Balak, the son of Zippor, 'Refrain not, I pray thee, from coming to me: For I will greatly honour 17 thee, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest to me. Come, therefore, I pray thee, curse for me this people.'"

And 18 Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "If

Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Jehovah my God, by doing
19 what is little or great. Yet, now, I pray you, remain ye also here this night, that I may know what more Jehovah
20 will say to me." And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, "Since the men have come to invite thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but yet the word which I shall say
21 to thee, that shalt thou do." And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of
22 Moab. And the anger of God was kindled because he went; and an angel of Jehovah stood in the way to oppose him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were
23 with him. And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and
24 Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. But the angel of Jehovah stood in a narrow path between two vineyards, a wall being on this side and a wall on that side.
25 And when the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, she pressed against the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall;
26 and he smote her again. And the angel of Jehovah went further, and stood in a place so narrow that there was no
27 room to turn, either to the right hand or to the left. And when the ass saw the angel of Jehovah, she fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the
28 ass with a staff. And Jehovah opened the mouth of the ass; and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to thee,
29 that thou hast smitten me these three times?" And Balaam said to the ass, "Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in my hand, for now would I kill thee."
30 And the ass said to Balaam, "Am I not thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine to this day? Have I ever been accustomed to do so to thee?" And he
31 said, "No." Then Jehovah opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and
32 fell down on his face. And the angel of Jehovah said to him, "Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? lo, I went out to oppose thee, because thy way is
33 perverse before me: and the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times; unless she had turned from me, surely now I had slain thee indeed, and saved her alive."
34 And Balaam said to the angel of Jehovah, "I have sinned;

for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now, therefore, if it displease thee, I will return." And the angel of Jehovah said to Balaam, "Go with the men: but speak only the word that I shall speak to thee." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him, to a city of Moab, which is near the boundary of Arnon, in the extreme boundary of the land of Moab. And Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not earnestly send to thee to invite thee? wherefore camest thou not to me? am I not able indeed to honour thee?" And Balaam said to Balak, "Lo, I am come to thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth into my mouth, that I must speak."

And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kirjath-huzoth. And Balak slew oxen and sheep, and sent portions to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him. And on the morrow, Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the extreme part of the people. CHAP. XXIII. And Balaam said to Balak, "Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams." And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram. And Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by thy burnt-offerings, and I will go; perhaps Jehovah will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee." Then he went to a high place. And God met Balaam; and he said to him, "I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram." And Jehovah put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus thou shalt speak." And he returned to him; and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offerings, he, and all the princes of Moab. And he took up his parable and said,

"From Aram hath Balak brought me,
The king of Moab, from the mountains of the East;
saying,

'Come, curse for me Jacob,
And come, execrate Israel.'

How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed?
Or how shall I execrate, whom Jehovah hath not execrated?

When from the top of the rocks I see them,

And from the hills I look at them :
 Lo ! a people who shall dwell alone,
 And who shall not be reckoned among the nations !

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob,
 And the number of the fourth part of Israel ?
 May I die the death of the righteous,
 And may my end be like theirs ! ”

11 Then Balak said to Balaam, “What hast thou done to me ?
 I brought thee to curse my enemies, and, lo, thou hast
 12 greatly blessed them.” And he answered and said, “Must
 I not be careful to speak that which Jehovah hath put into
 13 my mouth ? ” And Balak said to him, “Come, I pray thee,
 with me to another place, whence thou mayest see them ;
 thou canst see but the extreme part of them, and canst not
 14 see them all ; and curse them for me thence.” So he
 brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah,
 and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on
 15 every altar. Then *Balaam* said to Balak, “Stand here by
 thy burnt-offerings, while I go yonder to meet *Jehovah*.”
 16 And Jehovah met Balaam, and put a word into his mouth
 17 and said, “Go again to Balak, and thus speak.” And when
 he came to him, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offerings,
 and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him,
 18 “What hath Jehovah spoken ? ” And he took up his
 parable, and said,

“Rise up, Balak, and hear ;
 Harken to me, thou son of Zippor.

19 God is not a man, that he should lie ;
 Or the son of man, that he should repent.
 Hath he said, and shall he not do *it* ?
 Hath he spoken, and shall he not perform *it* ?

20 Lo, I am commanded to bless ;
 And he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

21 He beholdeth no sorrow in Jacob,
 Neither doth he see trouble in Israel.

Jehovah their God is with them,
 And the shout of a king is among them,
 22 God brought them out of Egypt :
 As the strength of the buffalo is he to them.

23 Surely there is no enchantment in Jacob,
 Nor is there any divination in Israel :
 At the *appointed* time it shall be told to Jacob,
 And to Israel, what God is about to do !

Lo ! the people shall rise up as a lioness, 24
 And as a young lion shall lift themselves up :
 He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey,
 And drink the blood of the slain."

And Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all, 25
 nor bless them at all." But Balaam answered and said to 26
 Balak, "Spake I not to thee, saying, 'All that Jehovah
 speaketh that I must do?'"

And Balak said to Balaam, "Come, I pray thee, let me 27
 take thee to another place : peradventure it will please God
 that thou mayest curse them for me thence." So Balak 28
 brought Balaam to the top of Peor, that looketh toward
 Jeshimon. And Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me here 29
 seven altars, and prepare for me here seven bullocks and
 seven rams." And Balak did as Balaam had said, and 30
 offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar. CHAP. XXIV.
 And when Balaam saw that it pleased Jehovah to bless 1
 Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchant-
 ments, but he set his face toward the desert. And Balaam 2
 lifted up his eyes, and saw the Israelites encamped accord-
 ing to their tribes ; and the spirit of God came upon him.
 And he took up his parable, and said, 3

"Balaam the son of Beor saith,
 And the man whose eyes are open saith,
 He saith who hath heard the words of God, 4
 Who hath seen the vision of the Almighty,
 Falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open :
 'How beautiful are thy tents, O Jacob ! 5
 And thy tabernacles, O Israel !
 As the valleys are they spread forth, 6
 As gardens by the river's side,
 As lign-aloes which Jehovah hath planted,
 As cedars beside the waters.
 Waters shall flow from his urn, 7
 And his seed shall be in many waters,
 And his king shall be higher than Agag,
 And his kingdom shall be exalted.
 God brought him out of Egypt ; 8
 As the strength of the buffalo is he to him.
 He shall eat up the nations his enemies,
 And shall break their bones,
 And pierce them through with his arrows.
 He coucheth, he lieth down as a lion, 9

And as a lioness : who shall rouse him ?

Blessed is he that blesseth thee,

And cursed is he that curseth thee.'”

10 Then Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said to Balaam, “ I invited thee to curse my enemies, and, lo, thou hast greatly
11 blessed them these three times. Therefore now flee thou to thy own place: I said I would greatly honour thee; but,
12 lo, Jehovah hath kept thee back from honour.” And Balaam said to Balak, “ Spake I not also to thy messengers
13 whom thou sentest to me, saying, ‘ If Balak would give me his house full of silver and of gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of Jehovah, to do *either* good or bad of my
14 own mind; what Jehovah saith, that must I speak?’ And now, lo, I go to my own people: come, let me advise thee
15 of what this people will hereafter do to thy people.” And he took up his parable and said,

“ Balaam the son of Beor saith,

And the man whose eyes are open saith,

16 He saith who hath heard the words of God,
And hath known the knowledge of the Most High,
Who hath seen the vision of the Almighty,
Falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 ‘ I see him, but not now ;

I behold him, but not nigh :

A star proceeding from Jacob,

And a sceptre rising out of Israel,

And it shall smite the corners of Moab,

And destroy all the sons of Sheth.

18 And Edom shall be a possession,

And Seir shall be a possession of his enemies,

And Israel shall do valiantly.

19 And one *sprung* from Jacob shall rule,

And he shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.’”

20 And he looked on Amalek, and took up his parable, and said,

“ The first of the nations is Amalek ;

Yet its latter end will be utter destruction.”

21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said,

“ Strong is thy dwelling-place,

And thou puttest in a rock thy nest.

22 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed,

Until Ashur shall carry thee away captive.”
 And he took up his parable, and said, 23
 “Alas, who shall be preserved when he doeth this?
 For ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim, 24
 And they will afflict Ashur, and they will afflict Eber,
 And he also shall be utterly destroyed.”
 Then Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place : 25
 and Balak also went his way.

CHAP. XXV.—Now while the Israelites abode in Setim, 1
 the people profaned themselves by committing fornication
 with the daughters of Moab, who invited the people to the 2
 sacrifices of their gods ; and the people ate, and bowed down
 to their gods. And the Israelites joined themselves to Baal- 3
 Peor ; and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the
 Israelites. And Jehovah said to Moses, “Take all the chiefs of 4
 the people *with thee*, and order them to slay those men
 who have joined themselves to Baal-Peor, and hang them up
 before Jehovah against the sun, that the fierce anger of
 Jehovah may be turned away from Israel.” And Moses said 5
 to the judges of Israel, “Slay ye every one his men who
 have joined themselves to Baal-Peor.” And, lo, one of the 6
 children of Israel came, and brought to his brethren a Mi-
 dianitish woman, in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of
 all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were
 weeping before the door of the tent of meeting. And when 7
 Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw
 it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a
 javelin in his hand ; and he followed the man of Israel into 8
 the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of
 Israel, and the woman, in her belly. So the plague was
 stayed from the children of Israel. And those who died in 9
 the plague were twenty-four thousand.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Phinehas the son 11
 of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my
 wrath away from the children of Israel, by being jealous for
 me among them, that I might not consume the children of
 Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore, say, ‘Lo, I make with him 12
 a covenant of peace ; and it shall be to him, and to his seed 13
 after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood ; because he
 was jealous for his God, and made an atonement for the
 children of Israel.’” Now the name of the Israelite who was 14
 slain, (who was slain with the Midianitish woman,) was

Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a family among the
 15 Simeonites. And the name of the Midianitish woman who
 was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; chief of a people,
 of a family in Midian.

17 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Distress the
 18 Midianites, and smite them; for they have distressed you
 by their wives, with which they have beguiled you, in the
 affair of Peor, and in the affair of Cozbi, their sister, the
 daughter of a prince of Midian, who was slain in the day
 of the plague, on account of Peor.”

1 CHAP. XXVI.—Now after the plague, Jehovah spake to
 Moses, and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,
 2 “Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of
 Israel, from the age of twenty years and upward, according to
 the house of their fathers, all who are able to go forth to war
 3 in Israel.” So Moses and Eleazar the priest spake to them in
 the plains of Moab, by the Jordan *opposite* to Jericho,
 4 saying, *Take the sum of the people* from the age of twenty
 years and upward, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

Now the children of Israel, who had come forth out of the
 5 land of Egypt, *were*: Reuben, the eldest son of Israel:
 and the children of Reuben; Hanoeh, of whom was the
 family of the Hanochites: Pallu, of whom was the family
 6 of the Palluites: Hezron, of whom was the family of the
 Hezronites: Carmi, of whom was the family of the
 7 Carmiites. These were the families of the Reubenites:
 and they who were mustered of them were forty-three thou-
 8 sand and seven hundred and thirty.—And the son of Pallu;
 9 Eliab. And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, Dathan, and
 Abiram. These were the Dathan and Abiram who were
 called of the congregation, who strove against Moses and
 against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove
 10 against Jehovah: and the earth opened her mouth, and
 swallowed them up together with Korah, when that com-
 pany died, the fire devouring two hundred and fifty men;
 11 and they became an example. But the children of Korah
 died not.

12 The sons of Simeon, according to their families: Nemuel,
 of whom was the family of the Nemuelites: Jamin, of whom
 was the family of the Jaminites: Jachin, of whom was the
 13 family of the Jachinites: Zerah, of whom was the family of
 the Zerahites: Shaul, of whom was the family of the

Shaulites. These were the families of the Simeonites, 14 twenty-two thousand and two hundred.

The children of Gad, according to their families : Zephon, 15 of whom was the family of the Zephonites : Haggi, of whom was the family of the Haggites : Shuni, of whom was the family of the Shunites : Ozni, of whom was the family of 16 the Öznites : Eri, of whom was the family of the Erites : Arod, of whom was the family of the Arodites : Areli, of 17 whom was the family of the Arelites. These were the 18 families of the children of Gad, of whom were mustered forty thousand and five hundred.

The sons of Judah were Er and Onan : but Er and Onan 19 died in the land of Canaan. And the other sons of Judah 20 according to their families were ; Shelah, of whom was the family of the Shelahites : Pharez, of whom was the family of the Pharezites : Zerah, of whom was the family of the Zerahites.—And the sons of Pharez were ; Hezron, of whom 21 was the family of the Hezronites : Hamul, of whom was the family of the Hamulites. These were the families of Judah, 22 of whom were mustered seventy-six thousand and five hundred.

The sons of Issachar, according to their families were ; 23 Tola, of whom was the family of the Tolaïtes : Pua, of whom was the family of the Punites : Jashub, of whom was the 24 family of the Jashubites : Shimron, of whom was the family of the Shimronites. These were the families of Issachar, 25 of whom were mustered sixty-four thousand and three hundred.

The sons of Zebulun, according to their families were ; 26 Sered, of whom was the family of the Seredites : Elon, of whom was the family of the Elonites : Jahleel, of whom was the family of the Jahleelites. These were the families of 27 the Zebulunites, of whom were mustered sixty thousand and five hundred.

The sons of Joseph, according to their families, were 28 Manassch and Ephraim. The sons of Manassch were ; 29 Machir, of whom was the family of the Machirites ; and Machir begat Gilcad : of Gilcad was the family of the Gilcadites.—These were the sons of Gilcad : Jeezer, of 30 whom was the family of the Jeezerites : Helek, of whom was the family of the Helekites : and Asriel, of whom was 31 the family of the Asrielites : and Shechem, of whom was the family of the Shechemites : and Shemida, of whom was the 32

family of the Shemidaïtes : and Hephher, of whom was the
33 family of the Hephherites. And Zelophehad the son of
Hephher had no sons, but daughters : and the names of the
daughters of Zelophehad were Mahala, and Noa, Hogla,
34 Milca, and Tirza. These were the families of Manasseh, of
whom were mustered fifty-two thousand and seven hundred.

35 These were the sons of Ephraim, according to their
families : Shuthelah, of whom was the family of the Shuthe-
lahites : Becher, of whom was the family of the Becherites :
36 Tahan, of whom was the family of the Tahanites.—These
were the sons of Shuthelah : Eran, of whom was the family
37 of the Eranites. These were the families of the sons of
Ephraim, of whom were mustered thirty-two thousand and
five hundred. These were the sons of Joseph according to
their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin, according to their families were ;
Bela, of whom was the family of the Belaites : Ashbel, of
whom was the family of the Ashbelites : Ahiram, of whom
39 was the family of the Ahiramites : Shupham, of whom was
the family of the Shuphamites : Hupham, of whom was the
40 family of the Huphamites.—And the sons of Bela were
Ared and Naaman : Ared, of whom was the family of the
Aredites : and Naaman, of whom was the family of the
41 Naamites. These were the sons of Benjamin, according to
their families : of whom were mustered forty-five thousand
and six hundred.

42 These were the sons of Dan, according to their families :
Shuham, of whom was the family of the Shuhamites. These
43 were the families of Dan, according to their families. All the
families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were
mustered of them, were sixty-four thousand and four
hundred.

44 The sons of Asher, according to their families were ;
Jimni, of whom was the family of the Jimniites : Jesui, of
whom was the family of the Jesuiites : Beriah, of whom
45 was the family of the Beriahites.—Of the sons of Beriah :
Heber, of whom was the family of the Heberites : Malchiel,
46 of whom was the family of the Malchielites. And the
47 name of the daughter of Asher was Sarah. These were the
families of the sons of Asher, of whom were mustered fifty-
three thousand and four hundred.

48 The sons of Naphtali, according to their families were ;
Jahzeel, of whom was the family of the Jahzeelites : Guni,

of whom was the family of the Guniites: Jezer, of whom 49
 was the family of the Jezerites: Shillem, of whom was the
 family of the Shillemites. These were the families of 50
 Naphtali, according to their families: and of them were
 mustered forty-five thousand and four hundred. These were 51
 mustered of the children of Israel, six hundred and one
 thousand, and seven hundred and thirty.

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, "Among these the 53
 land shall be divided for an inheritance, according to the
 number of names. To many thou shalt give the greater 54
 inheritance, and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance:
 to every one shall his inheritance be given, according to those
 who were mustered of him. Yet the land shall be divided 55
 by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers
 they shall inherit. According to the lot shall the inheri- 56
 tance be divided between many and few."

And these were mustered of the Levites, according to 57
 their families: Gershon, of whom was the family of the
 Gershonites: Kohath, of whom was the family of the
 Kohathites: Merari, of whom was the family of the Mera-
 rites. These were the families of the Levites: the 58
 family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the
 family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the
 family of the Korathites.—And Kohath begat Amram. And 59
 the name of Amram's wife was Jochabed, a daughter of
 Levi, whom *his wife* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare to
 Amram, Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam their sister. And 60
 to Aaron was born Nadab, and Abihu, and Eleazar, and
 Ithamar: but Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered 61
 strange fire before Jehovah. And those who were mustered 62
 of them were twenty-three thousand, all males, from the age
 of a month and upward: for they were not mustered among
 the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance
 given to them among the children of Israel. These were 63
 mustered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who mustered
 the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by the Jordan
opposite to Jericho. And among these there was not a man 64
 of those whom Moses and Aaron the priest had mustered,
 when they mustered the children of Israel in the desert of
 Sinai: for Jehovah had said of them, "They shall surely 65
 die in the desert." And there was not left a man of them,
 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of
 Nun.

- 1 CHAP. XXVII.—Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the family of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, and these were the names of his daughters ; Mahala, and Noa, Hogla, Milca, and Tirza.
- 2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the assembly, at the door of
- 3 the tent of meeting, saying, “ Our father died in the desert, although he was not in the company of those who gathered themselves together against Jehovah in the company
- 4 of Korah ; but died in his own sin, and had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he hath no son ? Give to us, *therefore*, a possession among the brethren of our father.”
- 5 And Moses brought their cause before Jehovah. And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “ The daughters of Zelophehad speak rightly : thou shalt surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father’s brethren ; and thou shalt
- 6 cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. And thou shalt speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘ If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to
- 7 pass to his daughter. And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance to his brethren. And if he have
- 8 no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance to his father’s brethren. And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall
- 9 give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his family, and he shall possess it : ’ ”—So this became a statute of law to the children of Israel, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.
- 10 And Jehovah said to Moses, “ Go up this mountain Aba-
- 11 rim, and view the land which I give to the children of
- 12 Israel. And when thou hast viewed it thou also shalt be gathered to thy people, as Aaron thy brother hath been
- 13 gathered : because, in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, ye rebelled against my commandment, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes. (These were the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh, in the desert of Zin.)
- 14 Then Moses spake to Jehovah, saying, “ May Jehovah, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the assembly,
- 15 who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in ; that the assembly of Jehovah be not as sheep which
- 16 have no shepherd ! ” And Jehovah said to Moses, “ Take

Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thy hand upon him; and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the assembly: and give him a charge in their sight. And impart to him some of thy honour, that all the assembly of the children of Israel may be obedient. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall consult for him, according to the judgment of Urim, before Jehovah: at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the assembly.” And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him: and took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the assembly: and he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as Jehovah had commanded by Moses.

CHAP. XXVIII.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
“Command the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘My 2
offering, my food of the offerings made by fire, an acceptable odour, ye shall observe to offer to me in their season.’

And thou shalt say to them, ‘This is the offering made by 3
fire, which ye shall offer to Jehovah; two lambs of the first year without blemish, daily, a perpetual burnt-offering. One lamb thou shalt offer in the morning, and the other 4
lamb thou shalt offer in the evening, with a tenth part of 5
an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil: a perpetual burnt-offering 6
which was ordained in mount Sinai, an acceptable odour, a sacrifice made by fire to Jehovah. And its drink-offering 7
shall be the fourth part of a hin *of wine* for each lamb: in the holy place thou shalt cause the strong wine to be poured out to Jehovah for a drink-offering. And the other lamb 8
thou shalt offer in the evening: with the same meal-offering as in the morning, and with the same drink-offering, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah.

But on the sabbath day *thou shalt offer* two lambs of the 9
first year without blemish, and two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and its drink-offering; the burnt-offering of every sabbath, beside the 10
perpetual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering.

And in the beginning of your months, ye shall offer a 11
burnt-offering to Jehovah; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish; and 12

three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour, mingled with oil, a meal-offering for one bullock, and two-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour, mingled with oil, a meal-offering for one ram; and one-tenth *of an ephah* of fine flour, mingled with oil, a meal-offering for each lamb, for a burnt-offering, an acceptable odour, a sacrifice made by fire to Jehovah. And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third *part* of a hin for a ram, and the fourth *part* of a hin for a lamb. This is the burnt-offering of every month throughout the months of the year. And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering to Jehovah shall be offered, besides the perpetual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering.

And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is the passover of Jehovah.

And on the fifteenth day of this month is a feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. On the first day ye shall have a holy convocation; no servile work shall ye do; but ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire, a burnt-offering to Jehovah; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be to you without blemish; and their meal-offering *shall be* fine flour mingled with oil: three-tenths *of an ephah* shall ye offer for a bullock, and two-tenths for a ram; and one-tenth shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; and one goat for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you. Beside the burnt-offering in the morning, which is for a perpetual burnt-offering, ye shall offer these. Thus ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the food of the sacrifice made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah: it shall be offered beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering. And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

Also on the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meal-offering to Jehovah, after your weeks, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: but ye shall offer a burnt-offering, an acceptable odour to Jehovah; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year; and their meal-offering of fine flour mingled with oil, three-tenths *of an ephah* for one bullock, two-tenths for one ram, and one-tenth for every lamb, of the seven lambs; and one kid of the goats, for a sin-offering to make an atonement for you. Beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offer-

ing, ye shall offer these, which shall be without blemish, with their drink-offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.—And in the seventh month, on the first 1 day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation : ye shall do no servile work ; it is a day of blowing trumpets to you. And ye shall offer a burnt-offering, an acceptable odour to 2 Jehovah, one young bullock, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish ; and their meal-offering 3 shall be fine flour mingled with oil, three-tenths *of an ephah* for a bullock, and two-tenths for a ram, and one-tenth for 4 every lamb, of the seven lambs ; and one kid of the goats 5 for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you ; beside the 6 burnt-offering of the month, and its meal-offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, according to their rite, for an acceptable odour, a sacrifice made by fire to Jehovah.

And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have 7 a holy convocation ; and ye shall afflict your souls : ye shall do no servile work ; but ye shall offer a burnt-offering to 8 Jehovah, an acceptable odour : one young bullock, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year, which shall be without blemish : and their meal-offering shall be fine flour 9 mingled with oil, three-tenths *of an ephah* to one bullock, and two-tenths to one ram, and one-tenth for every lamb, of 10 the seven lambs ; and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, 11 beside the sin-offering of atonement, and the perpetual burnt-offering, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings.

And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall 12 have a holy convocation ; no servile work shall ye do, and ye shall keep a feast to Jehovah seven days : and ye shall offer 13 a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah ; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year ; they shall be without blemish : and their meal-offering shall be fine flour mingled with oil, 14 three-tenths *of an ephah* for every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, and two-tenths for each ram of the two rams, and 15 one-tenth for every lamb of the fourteen lambs, and one kid 16 of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. And 17 on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish ; and 18

their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to
19 their number, according to the rite; and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual burnt-offering,
20 and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. And on the third day *ye shall offer* eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen
21 lambs of the first year without blemish; and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number,
22 according to the rite; and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. And on the fourth day
23 *ye shall offer* ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish; and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to
24 the rite; and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. And on the fifth day *ye shall offer* nine
25 bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year, without blemish: and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be
26 according to their number, according to the rite; and one goat for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. And on the
27 sixth day *ye shall offer* eight bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number,
28 according to the rite; and one goat for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. And on the seventh day *ye shall offer*
29 seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the rite;
30 and one goat for a sin-offering; beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering. But on the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly; no ser-
31 vile work shall ye do; but ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, an acceptable odour to Jehovah; one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without
32 blemish: their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, for

the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the rite ; and one goat for 38 a sin-offering ; beside the perpetual burnt-offering, and its meal-offering, and its drink-offering.

These ye shall offer to Jehovah in your set feasts, besides 39 your vows, and your freewill-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meal-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings.'” And Moses told the 40 children of Israel, according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXX.—And Moses spake to the chiefs of the 1 tribes of the children of Israel, saying, “This is what Jehovah hath commanded. ‘If a man make a vow to Jehovah, 2 or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond ; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that hath proceeded out of his mouth. If a woman also make a vow to 3 Jehovah, and bind *herself* by a bond, while she is yet in her father’s house, in her youth ; and her father hear of her 4 vow, and her bond with which she hath bound her soul, and her father be silent to her ; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she hath bound her soul shall stand. But if her father disallow her in the day that he 5 heareth of it ; not any of her vows, or of her bonds, with which she hath bound her soul, shall stand : and Jehovah will forgive her, because her father disallowed her. And if 6 she had a husband, when she vowed, or uttered anything rashly with her lips, by which she bound her soul ; and her 7 husband heard of it, and was silent to her in the day that he heard of it ; then all her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she bound her soul shall stand. But if her hus- 8 band disallowed her on the day that he heard of it ; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered rashly with her lips, with which she bound her soul, of no effect : and Jehovah will forgive her. But every vow 9 of a widow, and of her that is divorced, with which they have bound their souls, shall stand against them.—And if a 10 woman vow in her husband’s house, or bind her soul by a bond with an oath ; and her husband hear of it, and be 11 silent to her, and disallow her not ; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand. But if her husband hath made them entirely of no 12 effect on the day he heard of them ; *then* whatsoever pro-

ceedeth out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand; her husband hath made them of no effect, and Jehovah will forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it of

14 no effect. But if her husband be altogether silent to her, from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he confirmeth them, because

15 he was silent to her in the day that he heard of them. But if he shall make them entirely of no effect, after that he hath heard of them; then he shall bear her iniquity.’”

16 These are the statutes which Jehovah commanded Moses, between a man and his wife; and between the father and his daughter, while yet in her youth, in her father’s house.

1 CHAP. XXXI.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying,

2 “Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: after

3 that thou shalt be gathered to thy people.” And Moses spake to the people, saying, “Arm some of yourselves for war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge Je-

4 hovah of the Midianites. Out of every tribe, of all the

5 tribes of Israel, ye shall send a thousand to the war.” So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand out of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand out of *every* tribe; them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow, in his

7 hand, *he sent* to the war. And they warred against the Midianites, as Jehovah had commanded Moses; and they

8 slew all the males. And they slew the kings of Midian, beside their *forces that were* slain, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also, the

9 son of Beor, they slew with the sword. And the children of Israel took the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and made spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks,

10 and all their goods. And all their cities in which they

11 dwelt, and all their strongholds they burnt with fire. But they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of

12 beasts. And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses and Eleazar the priest, and to all the assembly of the children of Israel, to the camp in the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan *opposite to* Jericho.

And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of 13
the assembly, went forth to meet them without the camp.
And Moses was angry with the officers of the host, the 14
captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds,
who came from the battle. And Moses said to them, 15
“Have ye saved all the women alive? Lo, these caused the 16
children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to com-
mit trespass against Jehovah in the affair of Peor, so that
there was a plague in the assembly of Jehovah. Now there- 17
fore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every
woman that hath known man by lying with him. But all 18
the female children that have not known a man, by lying
with him, keep alive for yourselves. And abide ye without 19
the camp seven days : whosoever hath killed any person, and
whosoever hath touched any slain, must purify himself on
the third day, and on the seventh day. Yourselves and your 20
captives, and all raiment, and every thing made of skins,
and all work of goats’ *hair*, and all vessels made of wood, ye
must purify.” And Eleazar the priest said to the men of 21
war who had gone to the battle, “This is the ordinance of
the law which Jehovah commanded Moses ; ‘ Only the gold, 22
and the silver, and the copper, and the iron, and the tin, and
the lead, every thing that can abide the fire, ye shall cause 23
to pass through fire, that it may be clean ; it must also be
purified with the water of impurity : but all that cannot
abide the fire, ye shall cause to pass through water. And 24
ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and be clean,
and after that ye may come into the camp.’ ”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Take, thou and 26
Eleazar the priest and the chiefs of the fathers of the assem-
bly, the sum of the prey that hath been taken, both of men
and of beasts ; and divide the prey into two parts, between 27
them that carried on the war, who went out to battle, and
between all the assembly : and levy a tribute to Jehovah of 28
the men of war who went out to battle : one out of
every hundred of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the
asses, and of the sheep. Take this from their half, and give 29
it to Eleazar the priest, for a heave-offering of Jehovah, and 30
from the half *which belongs to* the children of Israel, thou
shalt take one portion of every fifty, of the persons, and of
the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep, of the cattle,
and of all beasts, and give them to the Levites, who have
the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah.” And Moses and 31

32 Eleazar the priest did as Jehovah commanded Moses. And
the booty, the residue of the prey which the men of war had
33 taken, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, and
34 seventy-two thousand beeves, and sixty-one thousand asses,
35 and of persons, in all, thirty-two thousand women who had
36 not known a man by lying with him. So the half, the portion
of those who had gone out to war, was in number three
hundred and thirty-seven thousand and five hundred sheep :
37 and the tribute to Jehovah of the sheep was six hundred and
38 seventy-five. And the beeves were thirty-six thousand ; of
39 which the tribute to Jehovah was seventy-two. And the
asses were thirty thousand five hundred ; of which the tri-
40 bute to Jehovah was sixty-one. And the persons were six-
teen thousand ; of which the tribute to Jehovah was thirty-
41 two persons. And Moses gave the tribute, the heave-offering
of Jehovah, to Eleazar the priest ; as Jehovah commanded
42 Moses. And out of the half which belonged to the children
of Israel, which Moses had separated from the portion of the
43 men who had gone out to war ; which half, that was assigned
to the assembly, was three hundred and thirty-seven thou-
44 sand and five hundred sheep, and thirty-six thousand beeves,
45 and thirty thousand and five hundred asses, and sixteen
46 thousand persons ; out of this half which belonged to the
children of Israel, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of
man and of beast, and gave them to the Levites, who kept
the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah ; as Jehovah com-
47 manded Moses.

48 Then the officers who were commanders of the host, the
captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came
49 near to Moses ; and they said to Moses, "Thy servants have
taken the sum of the men of war under our charge, and
50 there is not missing of us a single man. We have there-
fore brought an offering to Jehovah, each what he hath
found, jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, collars,
and beads, to make an atonement for our souls before Jeho-
51 vah." And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold
52 of them, all the wrought jewels. And all the gold of the
heave-offering that they offered up to Jehovah, from the
captains of thousands, and from the captains of hundreds,
was sixteen thousand and seven hundred and fifty shekels.
53 (*For the warriors had taken spoil, every man for himself.*)
54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the cap-
tains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the

tent of meeting, a memorial for the children of Israel before Jehovah.

CHAP. XXXII.—Now the children of Reuben, and the 1
children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle.
So when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of
Gilead, that the place was a place for cattle; the children 2
of Gad, and the children of Reuben came and spake
to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the princes
of the assembly, saying, “Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, 3
and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam,
and Nebo, and Beon, the country which Jehovah hath 4
smitten before the assembly of Israel, is a land *fit* for cattle,
and thy servants have cattle; wherefore,” said they, “if we 5
have found favour in thy sight, let this land be given to thy
servants for a possession; make us not pass over the Jor-
dan.” And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the 6
children of Reuben, “Shall your brethren go to war, while ye
rest here? and why would ye discourage the children of Israel 7
from going over into the land which Jehovah hath given
them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Ka- 8
desh-barnea to view the land. For when they had gone up 9
to the vale of Eschol, and had viewed the land, they so dis-
couraged the children of Israel, that they would not go into
the land which Jehovah had given them. And the anger of 10
Jehovah was kindled at that time, and he sware, saying,
‘None of the men who came up out of Egypt, from the age 11
of twenty years and upward, shall see the land which I
swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; because they
have not wholly followed me; except Caleb the son of Je- 12
phunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun; for they
have wholly followed Jehovah.’ Thus the anger of Jehovah 13
was kindled against the Israelites, and he made them wander
in the desert forty years, until all the generation that
had done evil in the sight of Jehovah was consumed. And, 14
lo, ye are risen up in your fathers’ stead, a progeny of sinful
men, to increase the fierce anger of Jehovah toward the
Israelites. For if ye turn away from following him, he will 15
yet longer detain them in the desert, and ye will destroy
all this people.” And they came near to him *again*, and 16
said, “We will build sheep-folds here for our cattle, and
cities for our little ones; but we ourselves will go ready 17
armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought

them to their place; and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities, because of the inhabitants of the land. We will not return to our houses, until the children of Israel be every man in possession of his portion: for we will not possess with them on the other side of Jordan, because our portion will have fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward." And Moses said to them, "If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before Jehovah to war, and will go all of you armed over the Jordan before Jehovah, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, and the land be subdued before Jehovah; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before Jehovah, and before *the rest of* the Israelites; and this land shall be your possession before Jehovah. But if ye will not do so, lo, ye have sinned against Jehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out. Build ye cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and that which ye have promised, perform." And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben spake to Moses, saying, "Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; but thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before Jehovah to battle, as my lord hath said."

So concerning them, Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; and Moses said to them, "If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man armed for battle before Jehovah, and the land shall be subdued before you, then ye shall give to them the land of Gilead for a possession; but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan." And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben answered, saying, "As Jehovah hath said to thy servants, so will we do. We will pass over armed before Jehovah into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance beyond Jordan may be ours." And Moses gave to them, to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with its cities within its boundaries, the cities of the land on all sides. And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, and

Atroth, Shopban, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, and Beth-nim- 36
 rah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities; and sheep-folds. And 37
 the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and
 Kirjathaim, and Nebo, and Baal-meon (their names being 38
 changed), and Shibmah; and gave names to the cities
 which they builded. And the children of Machir, the 39
 son of Manasseh, went to Gilcad, and took it, and dis-
 possessed the Amorites who were in it. And Moses gave 40
 Gilcad to Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt in it.
 And Jair, the son of Manasseh, went and took their hamlets 41
 and called them Havoth-Jair [THE HAMLETS OF JAIR]. And 42
 Nobah went and took Kenath, with its villages, and called it
 Nobah, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.—These are the journeys of the chil- 1
 dren of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt
 with their armies, under the command of Moses and Aaron.
 For Moses wrote their goings out according to their jour- 2
 neys, at the command of Jehovah: and these were their
 journeys according to their goings out.

In the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month, 3
 they departed from Rameses: on the morrow after the pass-
 over, the children of Israel went out with a high hand in
 the sight of all the Egyptians. (For the Egyptians were 4
 burying all their firstborn, whom Jehovah had smitten
 among them: on their gods also Jehovah had executed judg-
 ments.) So the children of Israel removed from Rameses, 5
 and encamped in Succoth. And they removed from Suc- 6
 coth, and encamped in Etham, which is in the edge of the
 desert. And they removed from Etham, and turned 7
 again to Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they
 encamped before Migdol. And they removed from Pi- 8
 hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into
 the desert, and went three days' journey in the desert
 of Etham, and encamped at Marah. And they removed 9
 from Marah, and came to Elim: and at Elim were twelve
 fountains of water, and seventy palm-trees; and they en-
 camped there. And they removed from Elim, and en- 10
 camped by the Red Sea. And they removed from the 11
 Red Sea, and encamped in the desert of Sin. And 12
 they removed from the desert of Sin, and encamped in
 Dophkah. And they removed from Dophkah, and en- 13
 camped in Alush. And they removed from Alush, and 14

encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the peo-
 15 ple to drink. And they removed from Rephidim, and
 16 encamped in the desert of Sinai. And they removed
 from the desert of Sinai, and encamped at Kibroth-hat-
 17 taavah. And they removed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and
 18 encamped at Hazeroth. And they removed from Haze-
 19 roth, and encamped at Rithmah. And they removed from
 20 Rithmah, and encamped at Rimmon-parcz. And they re-
 moved from Rimmon-parez, and encamped at Libnah.
 21 And they removed from Libnah, and encamped at Rissah.
 22 And they removed from Rissah, and encamped at Kehela-
 23 thah. And they removed from Kehelathah, and en-
 24 camped in mount Shapher. And they removed from
 25 mount Shapher, and encamped at Haradah. And they
 26 removed from Haradah, and encamped at Makheloth. And
 they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.
 27 And they removed from Tahath, and encamped at Tarah.
 28 And they removed from Tarah, and encamped at Mitheah.
 29 And they removed from Mitheah, and encamped at Hasmo-
 30 nah. And they removed from Hasmonah, and encamped
 31 at Moseroth. And they removed from Moseroth, and en-
 32 camped at Bene-jaakan. And they removed from Bene-
 33 jaakan, and encamped at mount Gidgad. And they re-
 moved from mount Gidgad, and encamped at Jotbathah.
 34 And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at
 35 Ebronah. And they removed from Ebronah, and en-
 36 camped at Ezion-gaber. And they removed from Ezion-
 gaber, and encamped in the desert of Zin, which is
 37 Kadesh. And they removed from Kadesh, and encamped
 38 in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. And
 Aaron the priest went up to mount Hor, at the command of
 Jehovah, and died there, in the fortieth year after the chil-
 dren of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the
 39 first day of the fifth month. And Aaron was a hundred
 and twenty-three years old when he died in mount Hor.
 40 And king Arad the Canaanite, who dwelt in the south, in
 the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children
 41 of Israel. And they removed from mount Hor, and en-
 42 camped at Zalmonah. And they removed from Zalmonah,
 43 and encamped at Punon. And they removed from Punon,
 44 and encamped at Oboth. And they removed from Oboth,
 45 and encamped at Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab. And
 they removed from Ije-abarim, and encamped at Dibon-gad.

And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped at Al-
 mon-diblathaim. And they removed from Almon-dibla-
 thaim, and encamped in the mountains of Abarim, before
 Nebo. And they removed from the mountains of
 Abarim, and encamped in the plains of Moab, by the
 Jordan *opposite to Jericho*. And they encamped by the
 Jordan from Beth-jesimoth, to Abel-setim, in the plains
 of Moab.

And Jehovah spake to Moses in the plains of Moab, by 50
 Jordan *opposite to Jericho*, saying, "Speak to the children 51
 of Israel, and say to them, 'When ye shall have passed over
 the Jordan, into the land of Canaan, ye shall drive out all 52
 the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all
 their *stones* inscribed with figures, and all their molten
 images ye shall destroy, and all their high places ye shall
 lay waste. And ye shall take possession of the land, and 53
 dwell in it; for I have given to you the land that ye may
 possess it. And ye shall divide the land by lot among your 54
 families; to the more ye shall give a greater portion, and to
 the fewer ye shall give a less portion: every man's *inheri-*
tance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according
 to the tribes of your fathers ye shall divide. But if ye will 55
 not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you,
 then it shall come to pass that those of them whom ye suffer
 to remain will be prickles in your eyes, and thorns in your
 sides, and will distress you in the land in which ye dwell.
 And it shall come to pass that as I purposed to do to them, 56
 I will do to you.'"

CHAP. XXXIV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, 1
 "Command the children of Israel, and say to them, 'When 2
 ye come into the land of Canaan, this shall be the land
 which shall fall to you for an inheritance, the land of Ca-
 naan, according to its boundaries. Your south side shall be 3
 by the desert of Zin, along by the border of Edom; and
 your southern boundary shall be from the extreme point of
 the salt sea eastward; and your boundary shall turn from 4
 the south to the ascent of Akrabim, and pass on to Zin; and
 its direction shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and
 it shall go on to Hazar-Adar, and pass on to Azmon. And the 5
 boundary shall turn from Azmon unto the torrent of Egypt,
 and its termination shall be at the sea. And for the western 6
 boundary, ye shall even have the great sea for a boundary:

7 this shall be your western boundary. And this shall be your
northern boundary; from the great sea ye shall draw a line
8 to mount Hor; and from mount Hor ye shall draw a line
to the entrance of Hamath; and the extent of the boundary
9 shall be to Zedad. And the boundary shall pass on to Ziphron,
and its termination shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be
10 your northern boundary. And ye shall draw a line for your
11 eastern boundary from Hazar-enan to Shepham; and the
boundary shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the
east side of Ain; and the boundary shall descend, until it
12 reach the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward. The
boundary shall then go down to the Jordan, and its termi-
nation shall be at the salt sea. Such shall be your land,
with its boundaries round about.’”

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying,
“This is the land which ye shall divide by lot, which Jeho-
vah hath commanded to be given to the nine tribes, and to
14 the half-tribe. For the tribe of the children of Reuben ac-
cording to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the
children of Gad according to the house of their fathers,
have received *their portion*, and the half of the tribe of
15 Manasseh have received their portion: the two tribes and
the half-tribe have received their portion on this side of
the Jordan *opposite to* Jericho, eastward, toward the sun-
rising.”

16 And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “These are the
17 names of the men who shall divide the land to you; Eleazar
18 the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. And ye shall take
19 one prince of every tribe, to divide the land. And the
names of the men are these. Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb
20 the son of Jephunneh. Of the tribe of Simeon, Shemuel
21 the son of Ammihud. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad
22 the son of Chislon. And the prince of the tribe of the
23 children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli. The prince of the
children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manas-
24 sch, Hanniel the son of Ephod. And the prince of the
tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiph-
25 tan. And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebu-
26 lun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. And the prince of the
tribe of the children of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan.
27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, Ahi-
28 hud the son of Shelomi. And the prince of the tribe of
the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud.”

These were they whom Jehovah commanded to divide the 29 land of Canaan to the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXV.—And Jehovah spake to Moses in the 1 plains of Moab, by Jordan *opposite to Jericho*, saying, “Command the children of Israel, that they give to the 2 Levites, out of the portion of their possessions, cities to dwell in; and suburbs also around the cities ye shall give to the Levites. And the cities they shall have to dwell in; 3 and their suburbs shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their beasts. And the suburbs of the 4 cities, which ye shall give to the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward, a thousand cubits every way. So that ye shall measure from without the city on 5 the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst. These shall be to them the suburbs of their cities. And the cities which ye shall give to 6 the Levites, shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither; and beside these ye shall give forty-two cities. So all the cities 7 which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities; these with their suburbs. And the cities which ye shall 8 give out of the possessions of the children of Israel, ye shall give many from those that have many; but from those that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities to the Levites, according to his portion which he possesseth.”

And Jehovah spake to Moses, saying, “Speak to the chil- 9 dren of Israel, and say to them, ‘When ye shall have 10 passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then ye 11 shall appoint for yourselves cities; cities of refuge they shall be for you; that the manslayer may flee thither, who hath killed any person unawares. And they shall be for you cities 12 of refuge from the blood-avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he have stood before the assembly to be judged. And of these cities which ye shall give to the Levites, six 13 cities shall ye have for refuge. Three cities ye shall give 14 beyond the Jordan, and three cities ye shall give in the land of Canaan; cities of refuge shall they be. For the 15 children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, these six cities shall be a refuge, that

every one who killeth any person unawares may flee thither.
16 And if he have smitten him with an instrument of iron, so
that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be
17 put to death. And if he have smitten him by throwing a
stone, by means of which he may die, and he die, he is a
18 murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. Or
if he have smitten him with a hand-weapon of wood, by
means of which he may die, and he die, he is a murderer:
19 the murderer shall surely be put to death. The avenger of
blood himself may slay the murderer: when he meeteth
20 him, he may slay him. And if he hath thrust at him
through hatred, or thrown *any thing* at him, lying in wait,
21 so that he die; or through enmity, have smitten him with
his hand, so that he die; he that smote *him* shall surely be
put to death; he is a murderer: the avenger of blood may
22 slay the murderer when he meeteth him. But if suddenly,
without enmity, he have thrust at him, or have cast upon
23 him any weapon without lying in wait, or with any stone,
by means of which a man may die, seeing *him* not, and have
cast it upon him so that he die, not being his enemy, nor
24 seeking to injure him; then the assembly shall judge
between the slayer and the avenger of blood, according to
25 these ordinances; and the assembly shall deliver the man-
slayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the
assembly shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither
he had fled; and he shall abide in it until the death of the
26 high-priest, who hath been anointed with the holy oil. But
if the manslayer shall at any time come without the boun-
27 dary of the city of his refuge, whither he had fled, and the
avenger of blood find him without the boundary of the city
of his refuge, and the avenger of blood kill the manslayer;
28 he shall not be guilty of blood; because *the manslayer*
should have remained in the city of his refuge until the
death of the high-priest; but after the death of the high-
priest, the manslayer may return to the land of his posses-
29 sion. So these shall be statutes of law to you, throughout
30 your generations, in all your dwellings. Whoever killeth
any person, on the testimony of witnesses the murderer
shall be put to death; but one witness shall not testify
31 against any person, *to cause him* to die. Moreover, ye shall
take no atonement for the life of a murderer, of one who is
32 guilty of death; but he shall be surely put to death. And
ye shall take no atonement for him who hath fled to the

city of his refuge, that he may come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the *high*-priest. So ye shall not ³³ profane the land in which ye are; for blood profaneth the land: and no atonement can be made for the blood that is shed in it, but by the blood of him who shed it. Defile ³⁴ not therefore the land in which ye abide, in which I dwell: for I, Jehovah, dwell among the children of Israel.’ ”

CHAP. XXXVI.—And the chief fathers of the families of ¹ the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel; and they said, “Jehovah commanded my ² lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by Jehovah to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. Now, if they become wives to any of the sons ³ of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then will their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and be put to the inheritance of the tribe into which they shall be *received*: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance. Even when the jubilee of the children of Israel ⁴ shall come, then will their inheritance be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they shall be *received*: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.” And Moses commanded the chil- ⁵ dren of Israel, according to the word of Jehovah, saying, “The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath rightly spoken. This is the thing which Jehovah commandeth concerning ⁶ the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, ‘Let them become wives to whomsoever they please; only into a family of the tribe of their fathers they must marry: so shall not the ⁷ inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe; for every one of the children of Israel must keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. And ⁸ every daughter, who possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, must be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy, every man the inheritance of his fathers. For the ⁹ inheritance must not remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel must keep to their own inheritance.’ ”

As Jehovah commanded Moses, so did the daughters of ¹⁰

- ¹¹ Zelophehad; for Mahla, and Tirza, and Hogla, and Milca, and Noa, the daughters of Zelophehad, became wives to the
¹² sons of their uncles. They were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh, the son of Joseph; and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.
¹³ These are the commandments and the ordinances which Jehovah commanded, by Moses, to the children of Israel, in the plains of Moab, by the Jordan *opposite to* Jericho.

THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY.

CHAP. I.—These are the words which Moses spake to ¹ all Israel beyond the Jordan, in the desert, in the plain over against Suph, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab; eleven days' *journey* from Horeb, ² by the way of mount Seir, to Kadesh-barnea. Now it was ³ in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake to the children of Israel, according to all that Jehovah had charged him *to speak* to them; after he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, ⁴ who dwelt in Heshbon; and, at Edrei, Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt at Astaroth: beyond the Jordan, in the ⁵ land of Moab, it pleased Moses to declare this law, saying,

“Jehovah our God spake to us in Horeb, saying, ‘Ye have ⁶ dwelt long enough by this mountain. Turn you, and take your ⁷ journey, and go to the mountainous country of the Amorites, and to all *the places* near unto it, in the plain *of Jordan*, in the mountainous country, and in the lowland, and in the south, and by the sea-shore, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. See, I place ⁸ the land before you: go and possess the land which Jehovah sware to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them, and to their seed after them.’ And I spake to you at ⁹ that time, saying, ‘I am not able alone to bear *the charge of* you. Jehovah your God hath multiplied you, so that, lo, ¹⁰ ye are at this day as the stars of the heavens for multitude. May Jehovah the God of your fathers make you a thousand ¹¹ times so many more, and may he bless you, as he hath promised you! How can I alone bear the burdensome charge ¹² of you and your contentions? Choose for yourselves men ¹³ wise, and intelligent, and known among your tribes, whom I may appoint rulers over you.’ And ye answered me, and ¹⁴ said, ‘That which thou hast spoken is good to be done.’

15 So I took the chiefs of your tribes, men wise, and known, and made them chiefs over you, rulers over thousands, and rulers over hundreds, rulers over fifties, and rulers over tens, 16 and officers among your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *causes* between your brethren, and judge justly between a man and his brother, and the stranger 17 that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; ye shall hear the small as *ye hear* the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's. But the cause which is too hard for you, ye shall bring to 18 me, and I will hear it.' And I gave you in charge at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 Now when we had departed from Horeb, we went, as Jehovah our God commanded us, through all that great and terrible desert, which ye saw on the way to the mountainous country of the Amorites, and we came to Kadesh-barnea. 20 Then I said to you, 'Ye are come to the mountainous country of the Amorites, which Jehovah our God giveth to us. 21 See, Jehovah thy God hath placed the land before thee: go up, take possession of it, as Jehovah the God of thy fathers 22 hath said to thee; fear not, nor be discouraged.' But ye came near to me every one of you, and said, 'Let us send men before us, who may explore the land for us, and report to us by what way we must go up, and into what cities we 23 shall come.' And the saying pleased me well: and I took 24 twelve men of you, one out of each tribe; and they turned, and went up into the mountainous country, and came to the 25 valley of Eshcol. And they searched out the land, and took some of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and reported to us, and said, 'The land is good 26 which Jehovah our God giveth us.' Yet ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your 27 God; and ye murmured in your tents, and said, 'Because Jehovah hateth us, he hath brought us out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Whither shall we go up? our own brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are large and walled up to the heavens; and the sons of the Anakites also we saw there.' 29 Then I said to you, 'Dread not, nor be afraid of them. 30 Jehovah your God, who goeth before you, will himself fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before 31 your eyes; and *as he hath done* in the desert, where

thou hast seen how that Jehovah thy God hath carried thee, as a man carrieth his son, through all the way that ye have gone, until ye came unto this place. Yet in this thing ³² ye confide not in Jehovah your God, who goeth in the way ³³ before you, to search out for you a place for your encampment, in a fire by night, to show you the way in which ye should go, and in a cloud by day.' And Jehovah heard the ³⁴ voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, 'Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that ³⁵ good land, which I sware to your fathers that I would give *them*, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it; ³⁶ and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed Jehovah.' Jehovah was angry even with me for your sakes, ³⁷ saying, 'Thou also shalt not go in thither. But Joshua the ³⁸ son of Nun, who standeth before thee, shall go in thither: encourage him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. Moreover, your little ones, who, ye said, should be a prey, ³⁹ and your children, who as yet know not good or evil, they shall go in thither, and to them will I give it, and they shall possess it. But as for you, turn ye, and take your journey ⁴⁰ into the desert, by the way of the Red Sea.'

Then ye answered and said to me, 'We have sinned ⁴¹ against Jehovah; we will go up, and fight, according to all that Jehovah our God commanded us.' And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up to the mountains. But Jehovah said to me, ⁴² 'Say to them, Go not up, nor fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.' So I spake to ⁴³ you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah, and went presumptuously up to the mountains. And the Amorites who dwelt in those moun- ⁴⁴ tains, came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and smote you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah. Then ye returned ⁴⁵ and wept before Jehovah; but Jehovah would not hearken to your voice, nor listen to you. So ye abode in Kadesh ⁴⁶ many days, according to the days that ye abode *there*.

CHAP. II.—Then we turned, and took our journey ¹ into the desert, by the way of the Red Sea, as Jehovah spake to me. And we had compassed mount Seir many days, when Jehovah spake to me saying, 'Ye have compassed ³ this mountain long enough: turn ye northward. And ⁴

charge the people, saying, Ye are to pass by the boundaries of your brethren the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir ; and they will be afraid of you : take ye good heed to yourselves therefore ; contend not with them ; for of their land I will not give you so much as a foot-breadth, because I have given mount Seir to Esau for a possession. Ye shall buy food of them with money, that ye may eat ; ye shall purchase water also with money, that ye may drink. For Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hands ; he knoweth thy journeying through this great desert : these forty years Jehovah thy God hath been with thee, thou hast wanted nothing.' So we passed by our brethren the children of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, and we turned, and passed by the way of the desert of Moab. And Jehovah said to me, 'Distress not the Moabites, and contend not with them in battle ; for I will not give thee any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the children of Lot for a possession.' (The Emites formerly dwelt there, a people great, and numerous, and tall, as the Anakites, who also were accounted giants, as the Anakites ; but the Moabites call them Emites. The Horites also formerly dwelt in Seir ; but the children of Esau dispossessed them, and dwelt in their stead ; as the Israelites did to the land of their possession, which Jehovah gave to them.) 'Now then, arise, and pass over the torrent Zered.' So we passed over the torrent Zered. Now the time in which we were going from Kadesh-barnea, until we passed over the torrent Zered, was thirty-eight years ; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from among the host, as Jehovah had sworn to them. For indeed the hand of Jehovah was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

And it came to pass that when all the men of war were consumed by death from among the people, Jehovah spake to me, saying, 'Thou art, this day, to pass by Ar, the boundary of Moab, and to come nigh the children of Ammon : distress them not, nor contend with them ; for I will not give thee any of the land of the children of Ammon for a possession ; because I have given it to the children of Lot for a possession.' (That also was accounted a land of giants : giants dwelt in it formerly, and the Ammonites call them Zamzumites ; a people great, and numerous, and tall, as the Anakites ; but Jehovah destroyed

these from before them; so they dispossessed them, and dwelt in their stead; as he did for the children of Esau, 22 who dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they dispossessed them, and dwelt in their stead even to this day; and the Caphtorites, who came out 23 of Caphtor, destroyed the Avites who dwelt in Hazerim, unto Gaza, and dwelt in their stead.) 'Arise, take your 24 journey, and pass over the torrent Arnon: lo, I have given into thy hand Sihon king of Heshbon, the Amorite, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and 25 the fear of thee upon the nations under the whole heavens, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.' Yet I sent messengers from the 26 desert of Kedemoth, unto Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 'Let me pass through thy land. I 27 will go along by the high-way; I will turn aside neither to the right nor to the left. Thou shalt sell me food for 28 money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet; as the 29 children of Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me; until I shall pass over the Jordan, into the land which Jehovah our God giveth us.' But 30 Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through his land; for Jehovah thy God hardened his mind, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *it is* this day. And Jehovah said to me, 'Lo, I 31 begin to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess it, that thou mayest inherit his land.' Then Sihon 32 came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. And Jehovah our God delivered him before us; and we 33 smote him, and his sons, and all his people. And we took 34 all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, the women, and the little ones, of every city; we left no remainder. Only the cattle we kept as a prey to ourselves, 35 and the spoil of the cities which we took. From Aroer, 36 which is on the brink of the torrent of Arnon, the city that is by the torrent, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the whole *of them* Jehovah our God delivered to us. Only into the land of the children of Ammon 37 thou camest not, the whole tract on the torrent Jabbok, nor into the cities among the mountains, nor into any place which Jehovah our God had forbidden us.

- 1 CHAP. III.—We then turned, and went up the way to Bashan; and Og the king of Bashan with all his people,
 2 came out to meet us in battle at Edrei. And Jehovah said to me, ‘Fear him not; for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand, and thou shalt do to him as thou didst to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt
 3 at Heshbon.’ So Jehovah our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people; and we
 4 smote him, until no remainder of them was left. And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; sixty cities *we took*, all the
 5 region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside a
 6 great number of unwallled towns. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did in respect to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.
 7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we kept as a
 8 prey to ourselves. And we took at that time, from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites, the land beyond the Jordan, from the torrent Arnon even unto mount Hermon;
 9 (The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion; and the Amorites call it Senir;) all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all
 10 Bashan, unto Salehah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of
 11 Og in Bashan. (For Og alone, king of Bashan, remained of the remnant of the giants; lo, his bed was a bed of iron: is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits is its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the cubit of a man.)
 12 Now this land, which we took possession of at that time, from Aroer, which is upon the banks of the torrent Arnon, with half mount Gilead, and its cities, I gave to the
 13 Reubenites, and to the Gadites. And the rest of Gilcad, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half of the tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all
 14 Bashan, which was called the land of the giants. (Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob, unto the boundary of Geshuri, and Maachathi, and called them after
 15 his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day.) And to
 16 the Machirites I gave Gilead. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, I gave from Gilead, even to the torrent Arnon, the middle of the torrent, and the boundary, unto the torrent Jabbok, the boundary of the children of Ammon;
 17 the plain of *Jordan* also, and the Jordan, and *its* bank, from

Chinnereth to the sea of the plain, the salt sea, below Ashdodh-Pisgah eastward.

And I charged you at that time, saying, 'Jehovah your 18 God hath given you this land to possess it: all of you who are fit for war, shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel. But your wives, and your little 19 ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know that ye have much cattle) shall abide in your cities which I have given to you, until 20 Jehovah shall have given rest to your brethren, as well as to you, and they also possess the land which Jehovah your God hath given them beyond the Jordan: then shall ye return every man to his possession which I have given to you.' And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 21 'Thine eyes have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done to these two kings: so will Jehovah do to all the kingdoms into which thou art to pass. Fear them not; for Jehovah 22 your God will himself fight for you.'

And I besought Jehovah at that time, saying, 'O Lord 24 Jehovah, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand; for what God is there in heaven or on earth that can do according to thy deeds, and according to thy might? Let me, I pray thee, go over, and see that 25 good land which is beyond the Jordan, those goodly mountains, and Lebanon.' But Jehovah was very angry with me on 26 your account, and would not hear me; and Jehovah said to me, 'Let it suffice thee; speak no more to me of this matter. Go up to the top of Pisgah, and look westward, and north- 27 ward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *the land* with thine eyes; for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen 28 him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.' So 29 we abode in the valley opposite to Beth-peor.

CHAP. IV.—Now therefore hearken, O Israel, to the sta- 1 tutes and to the judgments which I teach you, so as to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah the God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not 2 add to the word which I command you, nor shall ye take away from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you. Your eyes have seen 3 what Jehovah did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, Jehovah your God hath destroyed from

4 among you. But ye who did cleave to Jehovah your God,
5 *are* all of you alive this day. See, I have taught you statutes, and judgments, even as Jehovah my God commanded me, that ye may do so in the land into which ye are going
6 to possess it. Keep, therefore, and do them; for this will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, who, when they hear of all these statutes, will say, 'Surely a wise and understanding people is this great nation.'
7 For what great nation is there that hath God so nigh to them, as Jehovah our God is to us in all things for
8 which we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this
9 law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, that thou forget not the things which thine eyes saw, and that they depart not from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them to
10 thy sons, and thy sons' sons; *what thou sawest* on the day when thou stoodest before Jehovah thy God in Horeb, when Jehovah said to me, 'Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that*
11 they may teach *the same* to their children.' So ye came near, and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of the heavens, with darkness,
12 clouds, and thick darkness. And Jehovah spake to you from the midst of the fire: ye heard the sound of the words, but ye saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice.
13 And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them
14 upon two tables of stone. And Jehovah commanded me, at that time, to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land into which ye are going over to
15 possess it. Take ye, therefore, good heed to yourselves, since ye saw no manner of similitude when Jehovah spake to
16 you at Horeb from the midst of the fire, that ye corrupt not yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of
17 any figure, the likeness of male or female; the likeness of any beast that is upon the earth, the likeness of any winged
18 fowl that flieth in the air, the likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in
19 the waters beneath the earth: and when thou liftest up thine eyes to the heavens, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, that thou be

not induced to worship them, and serve them, which Jehovah thy God hath distributed to all nations under the whole heavens. But Jehovah hath taken you, and brought you 20 forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a peculiar people, as *ye are* at this day. Yet Jehovah was 21 angry with me on your account, and swore that I should not pass over the Jordan, and that I should not go into that good land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. So I must die in this land; I may not go over the 22 Jordan; but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. Take heed to yourselves, that ye forget not the covenant of 23 Jehovah your God, which he hath made with you, nor make to yourselves a graven image, the likeness of any thing, which Jehovah thy God hath forbidden thee. For Jehovah 24 thy God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

If when thou shalt have begotten children, and children's 25 children, and shalt have remained long in the land, ye shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of Jehovah thy God, to provoke him to anger; I this day call the heavens and 26 the earth to witness against you, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land to which ye are going over the Jordan to possess it: ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. For Jehovah will scatter 27 you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither Jehovah shall lead you. And 28 there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. Yet if thence thou shalt seek Jehovah thy God, thou shalt 29 find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou shalt be in tribulation, and all these 30 things shall have come upon thee, if thou turn to Jehovah thy God, and be obedient to his voice, since Jehovah thy God 31 is a merciful God, he will not forsake thee, nor destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he swore to them. For ask now of the former days, which were before 32 thee, from the day that God created man upon earth, and from the one end of heaven unto the other, whether *any thing* such as this great thing, or *any thing* like it hath been heard? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the 33 midst of fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Or hath God 34 essayed to take for himself a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by

a mighty hand, and by an out-stretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Jehovah your God did for you
35 in Egypt before your eyes? To thee it was shewn, that thou mightest know that Jehovah is God; that there is none else
36 besides him. From the heavens he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee; and upon the earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words from
37 the midst of the fire. And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee
38 out from Egypt in his own sight by his mighty power, to drive out from before thee nations greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for
39 an inheritance, as at this day. Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thy heart, that Jehovah he is God in the heavens above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none
40 else. Thou shalt, therefore, observe his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may be well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for ever."

41 Then Moses set apart three cities on the eastern side of
42 the Jordan, whither the man-slayer, who should kill his neighbour unawares, whom he had not hated in times past, might flee; and that, fleeing unto one of these cities, he
43 might live: *namely*, Bezer in the desert, in the plain country of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilcad, *the land* of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, *the land* of the Manassites.

44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the children
45 of Israel; these are the testimonies, the statutes, and the decrees, which Moses spake to the children of Israel, after
46 they came forth out of Egypt, beyond the Jordan, in the valley opposite to Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel had smitten, after they were come forth
47 from Egypt, and of whose land they had taken possession, and of the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan towards sun-rising;
48 from Aroer, which is on the banks of the torrent Arnon, even to mount Sion, which is Hermon; and all the plain
49 beyond the Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the plain, below Ashdoth-Pisgah.

CHAP. V.—And Moses called together all Israel, and said to them, “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and observe, and do them. Jehovah our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. Jehovah made not this covenant 3 with our fathers, but with us, *with us*, who are all of us here alive this day. Face to face Jehovah spake with you on 4 the mountain, from the midst of the fire (I stood between 5 Jehovah and you at that time, to show you the word of Jehovah; for ye were afraid of the fire, and went not up into the mountain); saying,

‘I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land 6 of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not 7 have other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make for thyself a graven image, any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or of what is in the earth beneath, or of what is in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, and thou shalt 9 not serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generation* of them who hate me; but 10 shewing mercy to the thousandth of them who love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not utter the name of Jehovah thy God to a 11 falsehood; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless who uttereth his name to a falsehood.

Observe the sabbath day to sanctify it, as Jehovah thy 12 God hath commanded thee. Six days mayest thou labour, 13 and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of 14 Jehovah thy God: *on it* thou shalt do no work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. For remember that thou wast a servant in the land of 15 Egypt, and *that* Jehovah thy God brought thee out thence, by a mighty hand, and by an out-stretched arm: therefore Jehovah thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Honour thy father and thy mother, as Jehovah thy God 16 hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may be well with thee, in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

- 17 Thou shalt not commit murder.
18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.
19 Neither shalt thou steal.
20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.
21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, nor shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing which is thy neighbour's.'
- 22 These words Jehovah spake to all your assembly in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and he added no more: and he wrote them on two tables of stone, and delivered them to me. And it came to pass when ye heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain burned with fire, that ye came near to me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; and ye said, 'Lo, Jehovah our God hath shewed us his great glory, and his voice we have heard from the midst of the fire. We have this day seen that God may speak with man, and he may *yet* live. And now why should we die? For this great fire will consume us if we continue to hear the voice of Jehovah our God, and we shall die. For who is there of all flesh who hath heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have heard it, and hath lived? Go thou near, and hear all that Jehovah our God shall say; and thou shalt speak to us all that Jehovah our God shall speak to thee, and we will hear and do it.' And Jehovah heard the voice of your words, when ye spake to me; and Jehovah said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to thee. All that they have spoken is right. O that they may have a heart to fear me, and keep my commandments all their days, that it may be well with them, and with their children for ever! Go say to them, Return to your tents. But as for thee, stand thou here by me, that I may tell thee all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I shall give them for a possession.'
- 32 Ye shall observe to do, therefore, as Jehovah your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. Ye shall walk in all the ways which Jehovah your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye are to possess.

CHAP. VI.—Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which Jehovah your God commanded you to be taught, that ye might do them in the land whither ye are going over to possess it; that thou mightest fear Jehovah thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee; thou and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear, therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*, that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase greatly, as Jehovah the God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah, and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hands, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy houses, and on thy gates.

And when Jehovah thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware to thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten, and be full; beware lest thou forget Jehovah thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples which are round about you; (for Jehovah thy God is a jealous God among you;) lest the anger of Jehovah thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the land. Ye shall not try Jehovah your God, as ye tried him in Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do what is right and good in the sight of Jehovah; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which Jehovah

19 sware to thy fathers; by driving out all thine enemies from
 20 before thee, as Jehovah hath spoken. And when thy son
 asketh thee in time to come, saying, 'What *mean* the testi-
 monies, the statutes, and the judgments, which Jehovah our
 21 God hath commanded you?' then shalt thou say to thy
 son, 'We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and Jehovah
 22 brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; and Jehovah
 shewed signs and wonders, great and grievous, upon Egypt,
 upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes;
 23 and he brought us out thence, that he might bring us
 hither, to give us the land which he sware to our fathers.
 24 And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear
 Jehovah our God, for our good always, that he might pre-
 25 serve us alive, as at this day. And it shall be our righteous-
 ness, if we observe to do all these commandments before
 Jehovah our God, as he hath commanded us.'

1 CHAP. VII.—When Jehovah thy God shall have brought
 thee into the land whither thou art going to possess it, and
 shall have cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites,
 and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites,
 and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven
 2 nations greater and mightier than thou; and when Jehovah
 thy God shall have delivered them before thee; thou shalt
 smite them, *and* utterly destroy them: thou shalt make no
 3 covenant with them, nor shew mercy to them; nor shalt thou
 make marriages with them: thy daughter thou shalt not
 give to his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take to thy son.
 4 For he will turn away thy son from following me, that they
 may serve other gods: so will the anger of Jehovah be kindled
 5 against you, and destroy thee suddenly. But thus shall ye
 deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break
 down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn
 6 their graven images with fire. For thou art a people holy
 to Jehovah thy God; and Jehovah thy God hath chosen
 thee to be a peculiar people to himself, above all the peoples
 7 that are upon the face of the earth. Not because ye were
 more numerous than all the peoples, did Jehovah set his love
 upon you, and choose you; for ye are the fewest of all
 8 peoples; but because Jehovah loved you, and because he
 would keep the oath which he had sworn to your fathers,
 hath Jehovah brought you out with a mighty hand, and
 redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand

of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that Jehovah 9
thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant
and mercy with them who love him and keep his command-
ments, to the thousandth generation; and repayeth them 10
who hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not
delay in respect to him who hateth him, he will repay
him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the command- 11
ments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I com-
mand thee this day, to do them. For if ye hearken to 12
these judgments, and keep and do them, then Jehovah
thy God will keep with thee the covenant and the mercy
which he sware to thy fathers; and he will love thee, and 13
bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit
of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, thy wine,
and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of
thy sheep, in the land which he sware to thy fathers to
give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples, there 14
shall not be male or female barren among you, or among
your cattle. And Jehovah will take away from thee all 15
sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou
knowest, will be put upon thee; but he will lay them upon
all those who hate thee. And thou shalt consume all the 16
peoples which Jehovah thy God shall deliver to thee; thine
eye shall have no pity upon them, nor shalt thou serve
their gods; for that would be a snare to thee. If thou 17
shalt say in thy heart, 'These nations are more numerous
than I; how can I dispossess them?' be not afraid of 18
them; remember well what Jehovah thy God did to Pha-
raoh, and to all Egypt; the great trials which thine eyes 19
saw, the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and
the outstretched arm, with which Jehovah thy God brought
thee out; so shall Jehovah thy God do to all the peoples of
whom thou art afraid. Moreover, Jehovah thy God will 20
send hornets among them, until they that are left, and hide
themselves from thee, be destroyed. Be not terrified at 21
them; for Jehovah thy God is among you, a God mighty
and terrible. And Jehovah thy God will cast out those 22
nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not
consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase
upon thee. But Jehovah thy God shall deliver them to 23
thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until
they be destroyed. And he shall deliver their kings into 24
thy hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under the

heavens: no man shall be able to stand before thee, until
25 thou shalt have destroyed them. The graven images of
their gods ye shall burn with fire; thou shalt not desire the
silver or gold that is on them, nor take it to thee, lest thou
be snared by it; for it is an abomination to Jehovah thy
26 God. Nor shalt thou bring an abomination into thy house,
lest thou be a devoted thing like it; but thou shalt utterly
detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted
thing.

1 CHAP. VIII.—All the commandments which I com-
mand thee this day, shall ye observe to do, that ye may
live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which
2 Jehovah sware to your fathers. And thou shalt remember
all the way through which Jehovah thy God hath led thee
these forty years in the desert, to humble thee, to prove
thee, to know what was in thy heart, whether thou wouldst
3 keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled thee,
and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which
thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know, that he
might make thee know that man doth not live by bread
alone, but by whatever proceedeth out of the mouth of Je-
4 hovah doth man live. Thy raiment wasted not from off
5 thee, nor did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt
also consider in thy heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son,
6 so Jehovah thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt
keep the commandments of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his
7 ways, and to fear him. For Jehovah thy God bringeth thee
into a good land; a land of brooks of water, of fountains,
and lakes issuing out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat,
8 and barley, of vines, and fig-trees, and pomegranates; a
9 land of olive-oil, and honey; a land in which thou shalt eat
bread without scarceness, where thou shalt not lack any
thing; a land, the stones of which are iron, and out of the
10 mountains of which thou mayest dig copper. When thou
hast eaten and art full, and hast blessed Jehovah thy God,
11 for the good land which he hath given thee, beware that
thou forgot not Jehovah thy God, in not keeping his com-
mandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I
12 command thee this day; lest, when thou hast eaten and art
13 full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*, and
when thy herds and thy flocks are increased, and thy silver
and thy gold are increased, and all that thou hast is in-

creased; thy heart be lifted up, and thou forget Jehovah 14
thy God, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt,
from the house of bondage; who led thee through that
great and terrible desert, in which were fiery serpents, and 15
scorpions, and drought; where was no water; who brought
thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in 16
the desert with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he
might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do
thee good at the last; and thou say in thy heart, 'My power, 17
and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth.'
But thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God; for it is he who 18
giveth thee power to get wealth, and that he may establish
his covenant, which he sware to thy fathers, as *it is* this day.
But if thou do at all forget Jehovah thy God, and walk 19
after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify
against you this day, that ye shall utterly perish. As the 20
nations which Jehovah destroyeth before your face, so shall
ye perish, because ye would not be obedient to the voice of
Jehovah your God.

CHAP. IX.—Hear, O Israel; Thou art this day about 1
to pass over the Jordan, to go in to possess nations greater
and mightier than thou, cities great, and fenced up to
heaven; a people great and tall, the children of the Ana- 2
kites, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *it*
said, 'Who can stand before the children of Anak?' Know 3
therefore this day, that Jehovah thy God is he who goeth
over before thee, a consuming fire: he will destroy them,
and he will bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou
drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as Jehovah hath
said to thee. Speak not thou in thy heart, after that Je- 4
hovah thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying,
'For my righteousness Jehovah hath brought me to possess
this land;' but for the wickedness of these nations Jehovah
driveth them out from before thee. Not for thy righteous- 5
ness, or for the uprightness of thy heart, dost thou go to
possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations
Jehovah thy God driveth them out from before thee, and
that he may perform the word which Jehovah sware to thy
fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Know therefore that 6
Jehovah thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess
it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiff-necked people.
Remember and forget not, how thou provokedst Jehovah thy 7

God to wrath in the desert : from the day that thou didst depart from the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against Jehovah. Even at Horeb ye provoked Jehovah to wrath, so that Jehovah was angry with you, and would have destroyed you. When I went up to the mountain, to receive the tables of stone, the tables of the covenant which Jehovah made with you, I remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights, neither eating bread nor drinking water. And Jehovah delivered to me two tables of stone, written with the finger of God ; and on them *was written* according to all the words which Jehovah spake with you on the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly. And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that Jehovah gave me the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant. And Jehovah said to me, ‘ Arise, go down quickly hence ; for thy people whom thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves* : they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them ; they have made for themselves a molten image.’ Jehovah also spake to me, saying, ‘ I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people : let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under the heavens ; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and more numerous than they.’ So I turned, and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire ; and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. And I looked, and, lo, ye had sinned against Jehovah your God, ye had made for yourselves a molten calf : ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which Jehovah had commanded you. And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes ; and I fell down before Jehovah, as at the first, forty days and forty nights : I neither ate bread, nor drank water, on account of all your sins which ye had committed, in doing wickedly in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger ; for I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure wherewith Jehovah was wroth against you to destroy you. But Jehovah hearkened to me at that time also. With Aaron also, Jehovah was exceedingly angry, and would have destroyed him ; but I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. And your sin which ye had made, the calf, I took and burnt with fire, and beat it in pieces, and ground it very small, until it was as small as

dust; and I cast the dust of it into the brook which ran down from the mountain. And at Taberah, and at Massah, ²² and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked Jehovah to wrath. Likewise, when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you;' then ye rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. Ye ²⁴ have been rebellious against Jehovah from the day that I ²⁵ knew you. Thus I fell down before Jehovah forty days and forty nights, as I had fallen down *before*; because Jehovah had said he would destroy you. I prayed therefore to Je- ²⁶ hovah, and said, 'O Lord Jehovah, destroy not thy people, and thy inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, ²⁷ and Jacob: regard not the stubbornness of this people, nor their wickedness, nor their sin; lest *the people of* the land ²⁸ whence thou broughtest us out say, Because Jehovah was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the desert. Yet they are thy people, ²⁹ and thy inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power, and by thy out-stretched arm.'

CHAP. X.—At that time Jehovah said to me, 'Hew thee ¹ two tables of stone like the former, and come up to me to the mountain, and make thee an ark of wood; and I will ² write on the tables the words that were in the former tables, which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.' So I made an ark of setim wood, and hewed two tables of ³ stone like the former, and went up to the mountain, having the two tables in my hand. And *Jehovah* wrote on the ⁴ tables, according to the former writing, the ten commandments, which Jehovah spake to you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly; and Jehovah gave them to me. And I turned, and came down ⁵ from the mountain, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; that they may be there, as Jehovah commanded me. And the children of Israel took their journey from ⁶ Beeroth, of the children of Jaakah to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office, in his stead. Thence they ⁷ journeyed to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a

8 land of rivers of water. At that time Jehovah separated
 the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of Je-
 hovah, to stand before Jehovah, to minister to him, and to
 9 bless in his name, until this day. Wherefore Levi hath
 no part nor inheritance with his brethren: Jehovah is his
 inheritance, according as Jehovah thy God promised him.
 10 And I stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty
 days and forty nights; and Jehovah hearkened to me at that
 time also, and Jehovah would not destroy thee.
 11 And Jehovah said to me, 'Arise, take thy journey before
 this people, that they may go in and possess the land, which
 12 I sware to their fathers, to give to them.' And now, O
 Israel, what doth Jehovah thy God require of thee, but to
 fear Jehovah thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love
 him, and to serve Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and
 13 with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of Jehovah,
 and his statutes which I command thee this day for thy
 14 good? Behold, to Jehovah thy God belong the heavens,
 and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with all that is therein.
 15 Yet Jehovah had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and
 he chose their seed after them, even you above all peoples,
 16 as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your
 17 heart, and be no more stiff-necked. For Jehovah your God
 is the God of gods, and the Lord of lords, a God, great,
 and mighty, and terrible, who regardeth not persons, nor
 18 taketh a bribe. He executeth justice for the fatherless and
 the widow, and loveth the stranger, giving him food and
 19 raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger; for ye were
 20 strangers in the land of Egypt. Jehovah thy God thou
 shalt fear; and him thou shalt serve, and to him thou shalt
 21 cleave, and by his name thou shalt swear. He is thy praise,
 and he is thy God, who hath done for thee these great and
 22 terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. Thy fathers
 went down into Egypt with seventy persons, and now Je-
 hovah thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven
 1 for multitude. CHAP. XI.—Therefore thou shalt love
 Jehovah thy God, and keep his charge, his statutes, and his
 2 judgments, and his commandments, always. And ye your-
 selves this day know: for *I speak* not with your children
 who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisc-
 ment of Jehovah your God, his greatness, and his mighty
 3 hand, and his outstretched arm, his miracles, and his acts,
 which he did in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh the king

of Egypt, and to all his land ; and what he did to the army 4
of Egypt, to their horses, and to their chariots ; how he
made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they
pursued after you, and how Jehovah hath destroyed them to
this day ; and what he did to yourselves in the desert, until 5
ye came to this place ; and what he did to Dathan and 6
Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben : how the
earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their
households, and their tents, and all the substance that was
in their possession, in the midst of all the Israelites : but 7
your eyes have seen all the great deeds of Jehovah which he
did. Ye shall therefore keep all the commandments which 8
I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in
and possess the land whither ye are going to possess it ; and 9
that ye may prolong your days in the land which Jehovah
sware to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land
flowing with milk and honey. For the land whither thou 10
art going to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt, out
of which ye are come, where thou sowedst thy seed,
and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs ; but 1
the land, whither ye are going over to possess it, is a land
of hills and valleys ; it drinketh water of the rain of
heaven ; a land which Jehovah thy God careth for : the 12
eyes of Jehovah thy God are always upon it, from the be-
ginning of the year even to the end of the year. If then 13
ye will hearken diligently to my commandments which I
command you this day, to love Jehovah your God, and to
serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul, I will 14
give thee the rain of your land in its due season, the first
rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn,
and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields 15
for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be satisfied. Take 16
heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye
turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them ; so that 17
the wrath of Jehovah be kindled against you, and he shut
up the heavens, that there be no rain, and that the land yield
not its fruit ; and ye perish quickly from off the good land
which Jehovah giveth you. Therefore shall ye lay up these 18
my words in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them
for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets be-
tween your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, 19
speaking of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when
thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and

20 when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the
 21 door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates; that your days,
 and the days of your children, may be multiplied in the land
 which Jehovah sware to your fathers, to give them, as the
 22 days of the heavens over the earth. For if ye shall dili-
 gently keep all these commandments which I command you
 this day, to do them, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in
 23 all his ways, and to cleave to him; then will Jehovah drive
 out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess
 24 nations greater and mightier than yourselves. Every place
 on which the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours;
 from the desert to Lebanon, and from the river, the river
 Euphrates, even to the farther sea, shall your boundary be.
 25 No man shall be able to stand before you; for Jehovah your
 God will put the fear of you, and the dread of you upon all
 the land on which ye shall tread, as he hath said to you.
 27 See, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: a
 blessing, if ye obey the commandments of Jehovah your
 28 God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye
 will not obey the commandments of Jehovah your God, but
 turn aside out of the way which I command you this day,
 29 to go after other gods, which ye have not known. And
 when Jehovah thy God shall have brought thee into the land
 which thou art going to possess, thou shalt put the blessing
 30 upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. Are
 they not beyond the Jordan, towards the setting of the sun,
 in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the plain
 31 opposite to Gilgal, near the terebinth-trees of Moreh? For
 ye shall pass over the Jordan, to go in to possess the land
 which Jehovah your God giveth you, and ye shall pos-
 32 sess it, and dwell therein. And ye shall observe to do
 all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this
 day.

1 CHAP. XII.—These are the statutes and judgments which
 ye shall observe to do in the land which Jehovah the God of
 thy fathers giveth thee to possess, all the days that ye live
 2 upon the land. Ye shall utterly destroy all the places where
 the nations which ye are to dispossess served their gods, on
 the high mountains, or on the hills, or under any green tree;
 3 and ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their statues,
 and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the
 graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them

out of that place. Ye shall not do so to Jehovah your God ; 4
but to the place in which Jehovah your God shall choose out 5
of all your tribes, to put his name and to dwell there, ye
shall seek, and thither thou shalt go ; and thither ye shall 6
carry your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your
tithes, and the heave-offerings of your hand, and your votive
and your free-will-offerings, and the firstlings of your herds
and of your flocks ; and there ye shall eat before Jehovah 7
your God, and ye shall rejoice, ye and your families in all
that ye put your hand to, in which Jehovah thy God hath
blessed thee. Ye shall not do according to all that we do s
here this day, every one whatsoever is right in his own eyes.
For ye are not yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, 9
which Jehovah your God giveth you. But when ye shall 10
have gone over the Jordan, and shall dwell in the land which
Jehovah your God giveth you to inherit, and when he shall
have given you rest from all your enemies round about, so
that ye dwell in safety ; then there shall be a place which 11
Jehovah your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell
there ; thither shall ye carry all that I command you ; your
burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the
heave-offerings of your hand, and all your choice votive-
offerings which ye vow to Jehovah ; and ye shall rejoice 12
before Jehovah your God, ye, and your sons, and your
daughters, your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and
the Levite that is within your gates ; forasmuch as he hath
no part or inheritance with you. Take heed to thyself that 13
thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou
seest : but in that place only which Jehovah shall choose in 14
one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings,
and there thou shalt do all that I command thee. Never- 15
theless whenever thou desirest it, thou mayest kill and eat
flesh in any of thy gates, according to the blessing which
Jehovah thy God shall have given thee : the unclean and the
clean may eat of it, as of the antelope, and as of the hart.
Only ye shall not eat the blood ; ye shall pour it upon the 16
ground as water. Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the 17
title of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the first-
lings of thy herds, or of thy flock, or any of thy votive-
offerings which thou vowest, or thy free-will-offerings, or
heave-offerings of thy hands ; but thou must eat them be- 18
fore Jehovah thy God, in the place which Jehovah thy God
shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-

servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates ; and thou shalt rejoice before Jehovah thy God in
19 all that thou puttest thy hands to. Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy land.

20 When Jehovah thy God shall have enlarged thy boundary, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, ' I will eat flesh,' because thou hast a desire to eat flesh, thou mayest eat
21 flesh, whenever thou desirest it. If the place which Jehovah thy God hath chosen to put his name there, be too far from thee, then thou mayest kill of thy herd, and of thy flock, which Jehovah hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou mayest eat in thy gates whenever thou desirest.
22 Only as the antelope and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them ; and the unclean and the clean may eat of them alike.
23 Only be sure thou eat not the blood ; for the blood is the
24 life ; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh. Thou shalt not eat it ; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water :
25 thou shalt not eat it, that it may be well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is
26 right in the sight of Jehovah. Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go to the place
27 which Jehovah shall choose ; and thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of Jehovah thy God ; and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt eat the
28 flesh. Observe, and hear all these words which I command thee this day, that it may be well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is
29 good and right in the sight of Jehovah thy God. When Jehovah thy God shall have cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to dispossess them, and thou shalt
30 have dispossessed them, and shalt dwell in their land ; take heed to thyself, that thou be not ensnared by following them, after they shall have been destroyed from before thee ; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, ' How did these nations serve their gods ? even so will I do likewise.'
31 Thou shalt not do so to Jehovah thy God ; for every abomination to Jehovah, which he hateth, have they done to their gods ; for even their sons and their daughters they have
32 burnt in the fire to their gods. Every thing that I command you observe to do : thou shalt not add to it, nor take from it.

CHAP. XIII.—If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, of which he spake to thee, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;’ thou shalt not hearken to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for Jehovah your God proveth you, to know whether ye love Jehovah your God with all your heart, and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after Jehovah your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave to him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath proposed rebellion against Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to seduce thee from the way in which Jehovah thy God commanded thee to walk: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee. If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, who is as thy own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; some of the gods of the peoples around you, whether near to thee, or far from thee, from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; thou shalt not consent to him, nor hearken to him; neither shall thine eye pity him, thou shalt not spare, neither shalt thou conceal him; but thou shalt surely kill him; thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to seduce thee from Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you. If thou shalt hear it said that in one of thy cities, which Jehovah thy God shall have given thee to dwell in, *certain* men, sons of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods;’ which ye have not known; then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination hath been wrought among you; thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, devoting it, and all that is in it, and its cattle, *to be destroyed* by the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of its street, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all its spoil, a whole *burnt-offering* to Jehovah thy God; and it shall be a ruin for ever; it shall not be built again. And nothing of what is devoted shall cleave to thy hand; that Jehovah may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and increase thee, as he hath sworn to thy fathers; when thou shalt hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of Jehovah thy God.

1 CHAP. XIV.—Ye are the children of Jehovah your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between
 2 your eyes for the dead; for thou art a people holy to Jehovah thy God, and Jehovah hath chosen thee to be a people peculiar to himself, out of all the nations that are upon the earth.
 4 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. These are the beasts which ye may eat; the ox, and the sheep, and the
 5 goat, the hart, and the antelope, and the fallow-deer, and the wild goat, and the dishon, and the harte-beest, and the roe.
 6 And every beast whose hoof is divided, and whose foot is cloven into two parts, and which cheweth the cud among the
 7 beasts, ye may eat. But ye may not eat of those which only chew the cud, or of those which only have a divided hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the cavy; for they chew the cud, but have not the hoof divided; they shall be unclean
 8 to you. And the swine, he hath a divided hoof, yet he cheweth not the cud; he shall be unclean to you: ye shall
 9 not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase. These ye may eat, of all that are in the waters: every thing
 10 that hath fins and scales ye may eat. But every thing which hath not fins and scales, ye may not eat; it shall be
 12 unclean to you. Of all clean birds ye may eat. But these are they which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the
 13 ossifrage, and the osprey, and the vulture, and the kite, after his kind, and every raven after his kind, and the ostrich,
 15 and the techemes, and the saph, and the hawk after his kind, and the cus, and the ibis, and the swan, and the
 17 pelican, and the rechem, and the cormorant, and the stork, and the anapha after her kind, and the hoopoe, and the
 19 bat. And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto
 20 you: they shall not be eaten; but of all clean fowls ye may

eat. Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou ²¹ mayest give it to the sojourner that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it to an alien: for thou art a people holy to Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not see the a kid in its mother's milk.

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that ²² the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat ²³ before Jehovah thy God, in the place which he shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thy oil, and the firstlings of thy herds, and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear Jehovah thy God always. But if the way be too long for thee, so that ²⁴ thou shalt not be able to carry it; if the place be too far from thee which Jehovah thy God shall choose to place his name there, when Jehovah thy God shall have blessed thee; then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money ²⁵ in thy hand, and shalt go to the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose; and thou shalt bestow that money for ²⁶ whatsoever thou desirest, for oxen, or for sheep, for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thou desirest; and thou shalt eat there before Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thy household, and the Levite that is within ²⁷ thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part or inheritance with thee. At the end of three years thou ²⁸ shalt bring forth all the tithe of thy increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates; and the Levite, ²⁹ because he hath no part or inheritance with thee, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat, and be satisfied; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest.

CHAP. XV.—At the end of every seven years thou shalt ¹ make a remission. And this is the nature of the remission: ² Every creditor who hath lent to his neighbour, shall remit it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, *and* of his brother, when the remission of Jehovah shall have been proclaimed. Of an alien thou mayest exact it; but what thy brother hath ³ of thine, thy hand shall remit, unless there shall be no poor ⁴ among you; for Jehovah thy God will greatly bless thee in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, if only thou wilt carefully hearken to the ⁵ voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe and to do all these

6 commandments which I command thee this day. For Jehovah thy God will bless thee, as he promised thee; and thou shalt lend to many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not
7 rule over thee. If there be among you a poor man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates, in thy land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy
8 heart, nor shut thy hand from thy poor brother; but thou shalt open thy hand wide to him, and shalt willingly lend to
9 him what he wanteth, sufficient for his need. Beware that there be not a wicked thought in thy heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of remission is at hand;' and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou give him
10 nought; and he cry to Jehovah against thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt freely give him, and thy heart shall not be grieved when thou givest to him; because for this thing Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all thy works, and
11 in all to which thou puttest thy hands. For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, 'Thou shalt open thy hands wide to thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in the land.'

12 When thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, hath been sold to thee, and served thee six years, then in the
13 seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not
14 let him go away empty: thou shalt furnish him liberally from thy flock, and from thy threshing-floor, and from thy wine-press: from that with which Jehovah thy God hath
15 blessed thee thou shalt give to him. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command
16 thee this thing to-day. But if he say to thee, 'I will not go away from thee,' because he loveth thee and thy household,
17 because he is well with thee, then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear into the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. Thus also thou shalt do to thy maid-
18 servant. It shall not seem hard to thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been doubly worth a hired servant in serving thee six years; and Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 All the firstling males that are born of thy herd and of thy flock, thou shalt sanctify to Jehovah thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear

the firstling of thy sheep: thou shalt eat it before Jehovah 20 thy God year by year, in the place which Jehovah shall choose, thou and thy household. And if there be any 21 blemish therein, *if it be* lame, or blind, or *have* any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it to Jehovah thy God. Thou mayest eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the 22 clean person may eat it alike, as the antelope and as the hart. Only thou shalt not eat its blood; thou shalt pour it 23 upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.—Observe the month Abib, and keep the 1 passover to Jehovah thy God; for in the month Abib Jehovah thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover to Jehovah thy 2 God, from the flock and the herd, in the place in which Jehovah shall choose to place his name. Thou shalt eat 3 with it nothing leavened; seven days shalt thou eat with it unleavened bread, bread of affliction; for thou camest forth in haste from the land of Egypt; that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth from the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. And there shall be no leavened 4 bread seen with thee within all thy borders seven days; nor shall any of the flesh, which thou didst slay the first day in the evening, remain all night until the morning. Thou 5 mayest not slay the passover within any of the gates, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee; but in the place which Jehovah 6 thy God shall choose to place his name there, thou shalt slay the passover in the evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season in which thou camest forth from Egypt. And 7 thou shalt cook and eat it in the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose; and thou mayest turn in the morning, 8 and go to thy tents. Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to Jehovah thy God: thou shalt do no work. Seven 9 weeks shalt thou number to thee: begin to number seven weeks from the time of beginning to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks to Je- 10 hovah thy God with a tribute of a free-will-offering of thy hand, which thou shalt give Jehovah according as Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee; and thou shalt rejoice before 11 Jehovah thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless,

- and the widow, that are among you, in the place which Jehovah thy God hath chosen to place his name there.
- 12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.
- 13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in *the produce* of thy threshing-floor
- 14 and thy wine-press; and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the
- 15 fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast to Jehovah thy God, in the place which Jehovah shall choose: because Jehovah thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, and in all the works
- 16 of thy hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice. Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Jehovah
- 17 empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Jehovah thy God, which he hath given thee.
- 18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes;
- 19 and they shall judge the people with just judgment. Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift; for a gift blindeth the eyes of the wise,
- 20 and perverteth the words of the just. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.
- 21 Thou shalt not plant thyself a grove of any trees near to the altar of Jehovah thy God, which thou shalt make for
- 22 thyself: neither shalt thou set thee up any image, which Jehovah thy God hateth.

1 CHAP. XVII.—Thou shalt not sacrifice to Jehovah thy God a bullock or a sheep which hath a blemish, any evil thing; for that is an abomination to Jehovah thy God.

- 2 When there is found among you, within any of thy gates which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that bath wrought wickedness in the sight of Jehovah thy God,
- 3 in transgressing his covenant, and hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of the heavens, which I have not

commanded *thee* ; and it is told thee, and thou hast heard 4
of it, and inquired diligently, and, lo, it' is true, and the
thing certain, that such abomination hath been wrought in
Israel ; then thou shalt bring forth that man or that woman, 5
who have committed that wicked thing, to thy gates, even
that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones,
till they die. On the testimony of two witnesses, or of 6
three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death, be put to
death ; on the testimony of one witness, he shall not be put
to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon 7
him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the
people. So shalt thou put away the evil from among you.
When there arises a matter too hard for thee in judgment, 8
between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between
stroke and stroke, matters of controversy within thy gates ;
then shalt thou arise, and go up to the place which Jehovah
thy God shall choose ; and thou shalt come to the priests 9
the Levites, and to the judge that shall be in those days, and in-
quire ; and they shall declare to thee the sentence of judgment,
and thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of 10
that place which Jehovah shall choose, shall declare to thee ;
and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they shall
teach thee : according to the sentence of the law which they 11
shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they
shall tell thee, thou shalt do : thou shalt not decline from the
sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand or to
the left. And the man that will act presumptuously, and will 12
not hearken to the priest that standeth to minister there before
Jehovah thy God, or to the judge, even that man shall die :
and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the 13
people shall hear, and fear, and act no more presumptuously.

When thou shalt come to the land which Jehovah thy God 14
is about to give thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell
therein, and shalt say, ' I will set a king over me, like all the
nations that are about me ; ' thou shalt be sure to set him king 15
over thee whom Jehovah thy God shall choose : one from among
thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee : thou mayest not
set an alien over thee, who is not thy brother. But he shall 16
not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return
to Egypt, that he may multiply horses ; forasmuch as Jehovah
hath said to you, ' Ye shall henceforth return no more that
way.' Nor shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart 17
turn not away ; nor shall he greatly multiply to himself

18 silver and gold. And when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law according to the book which is before the priests the
19 Levites ; and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life ; that he may learn to fear Jehovah his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes,
20 to do them ; that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment to the right hand, or to the left ; so that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

1 CHAP. XVIII.—The priests the Levites, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no part or inheritance with Israel : they shall eat the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, and his inheritance. Therefore shall they have no inheritance among
2 their brethren : Jehovah is their inheritance, as he hath said to them. And this shall be the priest's due from the people,
3 from them who offer a sacrifice, whether it be bullock or sheep ; they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the
4 two cheeks, and the maw. The first-fruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy
5 sheep, thou shalt give to him. For him Jehovah thy God hath chosen out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the
6 name of Jehovah, him and his sons for ever. And when a Levite cometh from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where
7 he sojourned, and cometh with all the desire of his mind to the place which Jehovah shall choose ; then he shall minister
8 in the name of Jehovah his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, who stand there before Jehovah. They shall
9 have equal portions to eat, besides that which cometh from the sale of his patrimony.
10 When thou art come into the land which Jehovah thy God is about to give thee, thou shalt not learn to do after
11 the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, that useth divination, is an observer
12 of times, a diviner by serpents, a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a consulter with a spirit, or a wizard, or one who inquires of the dead. For all that do these things are an abomination
13 to Jehovah ; and because of these abominations Jehovah thy God is about to drive them out from before thee. Thou
14 shalt be perfect with Jehovah thy God. For these nations,

which thou shalt dispossess, hearkened to observers of times, and to diviners; but as for thee, Jehovah thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*. A prophet from the midst of thee, 15 of thy brethren, like me, Jehovah thy God will raise up for thee; to him ye shall hearken; according to all that thou 16 desiredst of Jehovah thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.’ And Jehovah said to me, ‘What they have 17 spoken is right. I will raise up for them a prophet from 18 among their brethren, like thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. And whosoever will not hearken to my words which he 19 shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the pro- 20 phet who shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or shall speak in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ And if thou 21 say in thy heart, ‘How shall we know the word which Jehovah hath not spoken?’ When a prophet speaketh in the 22 name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jehovah hath not spoken; the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.—When Jehovah thy God shall have cut off 1 the nations, whose land Jehovah thy God is about to give thee, and thou shalt have dispossessed them, and shalt dwell in their cities, and in their houses; thou shalt set apart for 2 thyself three cities in thy land, which Jehovah thy God is about to give thee to possess it. Thou shalt prepare the 3 road *thither*, and divide the bounds of thy land, which Jehovah thy God is about to give thee to inherit, into three parts, that every man-slayer may flee thither. And this is the 4 case of the man-slayer who shall flee thither, that he may live. Whoso killeth his neighbour without design, whom he hated not in time past; as when a man goeth into a 5 wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand aimeth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the handle, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live; lest the avenger of blood pursue the man-slayer while his 6 heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; although he was not deserving of death, inas-

7 much as he hated him not in time past. Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt set apart three cities for thy-
 8 self. And when Jehovah thy God shall have enlarged thy boundary, as he hath sworn to thy fathers, and shall have given to thee all the land which he promised to thy fathers
 9 to give, if thou shalt keep all these commandments, to do them, which I command thee this day, to love Jehovah thy God, to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three
 10 cities more for thyself, beside these three; that innocent blood be not shed in thy land which Jehovah thy God giveth
 11 thee for an inheritance, and blood be upon thee. But when any man hateth his neighbour, and lieth in wait for him, and riseth up against him, and smiteth him mortally, that
 12 he die, and fleeth into one of these cities; then the elders of his own city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may be
 13 put to death. Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may be well with thee.

14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's land-mark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that Jehovah thy God is about to give thee to possess it.

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he committeth: on the testimony of two witnesses, or on the testimony of
 16 three witnesses, shall the matter be established. And when a false witness riseth up against any man, to testify against
 17 him some crime; then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Jehovah, before the priests
 18 and the judges, who shall be in those days; and the judges shall make diligent inquisition; and, lo, if the witness be a false witness, and have testified falsely against his brother;
 19 then shall ye do to him as he had thought to do to his brother: so shall ye put the evil away from among you. And they
 20 who remain shall hear and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye shall not
 21 pity: life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

1 CHAP. XX.—When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses and chariots, and a people more numerous than thou, be not afraid of them; for Jeho-

vah thy God is with thee, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when ye are come nigh to the battle, 2 the priest shall approach, and speak to the people, and shall 3 say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day to battle against your enemies: be not faint-hearted; fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified by them; for Jehovah 4 your God goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, and to save you.' And the officers shall speak to 5 the people, saying, 'What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. And what man is there that hath planted 6 a vineyard, and hath not eaten of it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, 7 and hath not taken her? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle, and another man take her.' And the 8 officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, 'What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return to his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.' And when the officers have made an end 9 of speaking to the people, they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

When thou comest nigh to a city to fight against it, 10 then proclaim peace to it. And if it make thee answer 11 of peace, and open *its gates* to thee, then all the people found therein shall be tributaries to thee, and shall serve thee. But if it will make no peace with thee, but will 12 make war with thee, then thou shalt besiege it. And when 13 Jehovah thy God hath delivered it into thy hands, thou shalt smite every male in it with the edge of the sword; but the 14 women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil of it, thou shalt take to thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which Jehovah thy God hath given thee. Thus shalt thou do to all the 15 cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. But of the cities of these people, 16 which Jehovah thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breathed, but shalt utterly 17 devote them; *namely*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as Jehovah thy God hath commanded thee; that they 18 teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they

have done to their gods; so should ye sin against Jehovah
 19 your God. When thou shalt besiege a city a long time,
 in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy
 its trees, by forcing an axe against them; for thou mayest
 eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down, to employ
 them in the siege; for the trees of the field are *the life of*
 20 man. Only trees which thou knowest that they are not
 trees for food, thou mayest destroy and cut down, and build
 bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it
 be subdued.

1 CHAP. XXI.—When a person is found slain in the land
 which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in
 2 the field, *and* it is not known who hath slain him; then
 thine elders and thy judges shall go forth, and they shall
 measure unto the cities which are round about the person
 3 who is slain; and the city which is nighest to the slain
 person, even the elders of that city, shall take a heifer which
 hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in
 4 the yoke; and the elders of that city shall bring down the
 heifer to a stony torrent-bed, which can neither be plowed
 nor sown, and shall there strike off the head of the heifer
 5 into the torrent-bed: and the priests the sons of Levi shall
 come near; for them Jehovah thy God hath chosen to
 minister to him, and to bless in the name of Jehovah, and
 by their word shall every controversy and every assault be
 6 *decided*; and all the elders of that city, who are nighest to
 the slain person, shall wash their hands over the heifer that
 7 hath been beheaded over the torrent-bed; and shall declare
 and say, ‘Our hands shed not this blood, nor did our eyes
 8 see it *shed*. Forgive thy people Israel, whom thou hast
 redeemed, O Jehovah, and impute not innocent blood to thy
 people Israel.’ And the blood shall be forgiven them.
 9 So shalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from
 among you, when thou shalt do what is right in the sight
 of Jehovah.
 10 When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and
 Jehovah thy God delivereth them into thy hands, and thou
 11 takest them captive, and seest among the captives a beautiful
 woman, and hast a desire for her, and wouldst take her to
 12 be thy wife; then thou shalt bring her home to thy house,
 13 and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails, and she
 shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall

remain in thy house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month; and after that thou mayest go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. But if thou have 14 no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt by no means sell her for money, thou shalt not make her thy slave, because thou hast humbled her. When a man hath two wives, one beloved, and the other 15 hated, and both the beloved and the hated have borne him children, and the first-born son is hers who is hated; when 16 he maketh his sons to inherit what he hath, he may not give the right of the first-born to the son of the beloved, before the son of the hated *who is* the first-born; but he 17 shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the first-born, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he is the beginning of his strength, and the right of the first-born is his.

When a man hath a refractory and rebellious son, who 18 will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and when they have reprov'd him, will not hearken to them; then shall his father and his mother lay hold on 19 him, and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place; and they shall say to the elders of the 20 city, 'This our son is refractory and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a profligate, and a drunkard.' Then 21 all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put away evil from among you; and all Israel shall hear and fear.

When a man hath committed a crime worthy of death, 22 and he is put to death, and thou hangest him on a tree; his 23 body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt certainly bury him that day; (for accursed of God is one who is hanged;) that thy land be not defiled, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

CHAP. XXII.—Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or 1 his sheep go astray, and withdraw thyself from them: thou shalt by all means bring them back to thy brother. And 2 if thy brother be not nigh to thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it to thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. In like manner shalt thou do with 3 his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and so shalt thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he

hath lost, and thou hast found; thou shalt not withdraw
 4 thyself. Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall
 down by the way, and withdraw thyself from them: thou
 shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

5 The woman shall not wear the apparel of a man, nor shall
 a man put on a woman's garment; for an abomination to
 Jehovah thy God is every one who doeth these things.

6 When a bird's nest happeneth to be before thee in the
 way in any tree, or on the ground, containing young ones or
 eggs, and the dam is sitting upon the young or upon the
 7 eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: thou
 shalt certainly let the dam go, but thou mayest take the
 young for thyself; that it may be well with thee, and that
 thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make
 a parapet for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy
 house, if any man fall from it.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with mingled seed; lest
 the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of
 10 thy vineyard, be defiled. Thou shalt not plow with an ox
 11 and an ass together. Thou shalt not wear garments of
 12 divers sorts, of woollen and linen together. Thou shalt
 make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture,
 wherewith thou coverest thyself.

13 When a man taketh a wife, and goeth in unto her, and
 14 hateth her, and layeth against her a shameful charge, and
 bringeth upon her an evil name, and saith, 'I took this
 woman, and, when I came to her, I found not in her *the*
 15 *tokens of virginity*;' then shall the father of the damsel,
 and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of the*
 16 damsel's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate; and
 the father of the damsel shall say to the elders, 'I gave my
 17 daughter to this man for a wife, and he hateth her; and,
 lo, he hath laid against her a shameful charge, saying, I
 found not in thy daughter *the tokens of virginity*; and
 yet these are *the tokens of my daughter's virginity*;' then
 they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.
 18 And the elders of that city shall take that man, and chastise
 19 him, and they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver, and
 give them to the father of the damsel, because he hath
 brought an evil name upon a virgin of Israel; and she shall
 20 be his wife: he may not put her away all his days. But
 if this thing be true, and *the tokens of virginity* be not

found for the damsel; then they shall bring out the damsel 21
to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city
shall stone her with stones, that she die; because she hath
done wickedly in Israel, by committing harlotry in her
father's house: so shalt thou put away evil from among
you. When a man is found lying with a woman married 22
to a husband, they shall both of them die, both the man
that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou
put away evil from Israel. . When a damsel, who is a 23
virgin, is betrothed to a husband, and a man findeth her in
the city, and lieth with her; then ye shall bring them both 24
out to the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with
stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not,
though in the city, and the man, because he hath humbled
his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from
among you. But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the 25
field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the
man only that lay with her shall die; but to the damsel, 26
thou shalt do nothing; in the damsel there is no crime
deserving of death: for as when a man riseth against his
neighbour, and slayeth him, so is this case: for he found 27
her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, but there
was none to save her. When a man findeth a damsel, a 28
virgin, who is not betrothed, and layeth hold on her, and
lieth with her, and they are found; then the man that lay 29
with her shall give to the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of
silver, and she shall be his wife: because he hath humbled
her, he may not put her away all his days. A man shall 30
not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

CHAP. XXIII.—He who is mutilated by the bruising or 1
cutting out of the testicles, shall not enter into the congre-
gation of Jehovah. The son of a harlot shall not enter into 2
the congregation of Jehovah; even his tenth generation shall
not enter into the congregation of Jehovah. An Ammonite 3
or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of Jehovah;
even their tenth generation shall not enter into the congre-
gation of Jehovah for ever; because they met you not with 4
bread and with water on the way, when ye came forth out of
Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son
of Beor, from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. But 5
Jehovah thy God would not hearken to Balaam, and Jehovah
thy God turned the curse into a blessing to thee, because

- 6 Jehovah thy God loved thee. Thou shalt not seek their
7 peace or their prosperity all thy days for ever. Thou shalt
not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: nor shalt
thou abhor an Egyptian, because thou wast a sojourner in his
8 land. The children that are begotten of them may enter
into the congregation of Jehovah, in their third generation.
- 9 When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then
10 keep thyself from every evil thing. When there is among
you any man that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that
may have happened to him by night, he shall go abroad out
11 of the camp, he shall not come within the camp, but, when
evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water; and
when the sun is set, he shall come into the camp again.
- 12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, to which
13 thou mayest go forth abroad; and thou shalt have a paddle
amongst thy weapons; and when thou wilt ease thyself
abroad, thou shalt dig a hole with it, and shalt turn and
14 cover that which cometh from thee; for Jehovah thy God
walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to
give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp
be holy; that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn
away from thee.
- 15 Thou shalt not deliver up to his master the slave who hath
16 escaped from his master unto thee: he shall dwell with thee,
in the midst of thee, in that place which he shall choose in
one of thy gates, wherever he pleases: thou shalt not oppress
him.
- 17 There shall be no prostitute among the daughters of
Israel, nor a male prostitute among the sons of Israel.
- 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a
dog, into the house of Jehovah thy God for any vow; for an
abomination to Jehovah thy God are both these.
- 19 Thou shalt not take usury from thy brother; usury of
money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing from which
20 usury may be taken. From an alien thou mayest take
usury; but from thy brother, thou shalt not take usury,
that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all to which thou
settest thy hand, in the land into which thou art going to
possess it.
- 21 When thou shalt vow a vow to Jehovah thy God, thou
shalt not delay to perform it; for Jehovah thy God will
22 surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But
if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

That which thou hast promised, thou shalt observe; and ²³ thou shalt perform, according as thou hast vowed to Jehovah thy God, that which thou hast willingly pronounced with thy mouth.

When thou goest into thy neighbour's vineyard, thou ²⁴ mayest eat grapes until thou art fully satisfied; but thou shalt not put any into thy vessel. When thou goest into the ²⁵ standing corn of thy neighbour, thou mayest pluck the ears with thy hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle to thy neighbour's standing corn.

CHAP. XXIV.—When a man hath taken a wife, and ¹ married her, and she findeth not favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it into her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out ² of his house, she may go, and be the wife of another man. But if the latter husband dislike her, and write her a bill of ³ divorcement, and give it into her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband dieth, who took her to be his wife, her former husband, who sent her away, may ⁴ not take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled; for that would be an abomination before Jehovah; and thou shalt not bring guilt upon the land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. When a man hath taken ⁵ a new wife, he shall not go out to war, nor shall he be charged with any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

No man shall take for a pledge the mill or the upper ⁶ millstone: for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.

When a man is found stealing any of his brethren of the ⁷ children of Israel, and making him his slave, or selling him; then that thief shall die: so shalt thou put away evil from among you.

Take heed, in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe ⁸ diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. Remember what Jehovah thy God did to ⁹ Miriam by the way, after ye were come out of Egypt.

When thou lendest thy brother any thing, thou shalt not ¹⁰ go into his house to receive his pledge. Thou shalt stand ¹¹ without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring the pledge out to thee. And if the man be poor, thou ¹²

13 shalt not sleep with his pledge; thou shalt surely deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee; and it shall
 14 be righteousness to thee before Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, *whether he be one of thy own brethren, or of thy strangers*
 15 that are in thy land, within thy gates. In his day thou shalt give him his hire, and before the sun shall have gone down upon him; because he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it; lest he cry against thee to Jehovah, and it be sin to thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man
 17 shall be put to death for his own sin. Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, or of the fatherless,
 18 nor take a widow's raiment to pledge; but thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou cuttest down thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgotten a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow, that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all
 20 the work of thy hands. When thou beatest thy olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the
 21 stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless,
 22 and for the widow. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

1 CHAP. XXV.—When there is a controversy between *two* men, and they come into judgment, that the judges may decide between them; then they shall acquit the innocent,
 2 and condemn the guilty. And, if the guilty man be worthy to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, with a certain number of *stripes*,
 3 according to his fault. Forty stripes he may give him, but not exceed; lest, if he should exceed, and beat him with many stripes above these, thy brother should seem vile to thee.
 4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he is treading out the corn.

When two brothers dwell together, and one of them 5 dieth, and hath no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without, to a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to himself for a wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. And the first-born 6 which she beareth, shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead, that his name be not blotted out from Israel. And if the man be not willing to take his brother's wife, 7 then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, 'My husband's brother refuseth to raise up to his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.' Then the elders of his city shall 8 call him, and speak to him: and if he persist, and say, 'I am not willing to take her;' then his brother's wife shall 9 come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit before his face, and shall address him, and say, 'So shall it be done to that man who will not build up his brother's house.' And the name of *his house* 10 shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him that hath had his shoe loosed.'

When two men strive together one with another, and the 11 wife of the one draweth near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets; then thou shalt cut off 12 her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.

Thou shalt not have in thy bag different weights, a great 13 and a small. Thou shalt not have in thy house different 14 measures, a great and a small. A perfect and a just weight 15 thou shalt have, a perfect and a just measure thou shalt have, that thy days may be lengthened in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. For all who do such things, 16 all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to Jehovah thy God.

Remember what the Amalekites did to thee by the 17 way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; how they met 18 thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore, when Jehovah 19 thy God shall have given thee rest from all thy enemies round about, in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, thou shalt blot out the remembrance of the Amalekites from under the heavens: forget it not.

- 1 CHAP. XXVI.—And when thou art come into the land
which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and
2 possessest it and dwellest in it, thou shalt take some of the
first of all the fruits of the ground, which thou shalt
raise from thy land that Jehovah thy God giveth thee,
and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go to the place
which Jehovah thy God shall choose to place his name
3 there. And thou shalt go to the priest that shall be in
those days, and say to him, ‘I declare this day to Jehovah
thy God, that I am come into the land which Jehovah
4 sware to our fathers that he would give to us.’ And the
priest shall take the basket out of thy hand, and set it
5 down before the altar of Jehovah thy God. Then thou
shalt speak, and say before Jehovah thy God, ‘A wandering
Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt,
and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation,
6 great, and mighty, and numerous; but the Egyptians ill-
treated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard service;
7 and when we cried to Jehovah the God of our fathers,
Jehovah heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and
8 our labour, and our oppression; and Jehovah brought us
forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an out-
stretched arm, and with very terrible signs, and wonders;
9 and he hath brought us into this place, and hath given to
10 us this land, a land that floweth with milk and honey. And
now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land,
which thou, O Jehovah, hast given to me.’ And thou shalt
set it before Jehovah thy God, and worship before Jehovah
11 thy God; and thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which
Jehovah thy God hath given to thee, and to thy house,
thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.
12 When thou hast completed the tithing of all thy produce
in the third year, the year of tithing, and hast given it to the
Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they
13 may eat within thy gates, and be filled; then thou shalt say
before Jehovah thy God, ‘I have wholly carried away these
hallowed things out of my house, and also have given them
to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to
the widow, according to all thy commandments, which thou
hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy command-
14 ments, nor have I forgotten them: I have not eaten of those
things in my mourning, nor have I taken away any part of
them for an unclean use, nor given any part of them to the

dead : I have hearkened to the voice of Jehovah my God : I have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless ¹⁵ thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest to our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.'

This day Jehovah thy God hath commanded thee to do ¹⁶ these statutes and judgments : thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. Thou ¹⁷ hast declared Jehovah this day to be thy God, and that thou wilt walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and hearken to his voice ; and Jehovah hath declared thee this day, to be his ¹⁸ peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments ; and that he will set ¹⁹ thee on high above all the nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour ; and that thou shalt be a people holy to Jehovah thy God, as he hath spoken."

CHAP. XXVII.—And Moses, with the elders of Israel, ¹ commanded the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. And on the day ² when ye shall pass over the Jordan, into the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, thou shalt set thee up great stones, and cover them with plaster ; and thou shalt write upon them ³ all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go into the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey ; as Jehovah the God of thy fathers hath promised thee. Therefore, when ye ⁴ have passed over the Jordan, ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, on mount Ebal, and thou shalt cover them with plaster. And there shalt thou build ⁵ an altar to Jehovah thy God, an altar of stones : thou shalt not lift up *any tool of* iron upon them. Thou shalt build ⁶ the altar of Jehovah thy God of whole stones ; and thou shalt offer on it burnt-offerings to Jehovah thy God ; and ⁷ thou shalt offer peace-offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before Jehovah thy God. And thou shalt write upon ⁸ the stones all the words of this law very plainly." And ⁹ Moses, and the priests the Levites, spake to all Israel, saying, "Take heed, and hearken, O Israel : this day thou art become the people of Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt there- ¹⁰

fore obey the voice of Jehovah thy God, and do his commandments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day."

- 12 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, "These shall stand upon Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and
13 Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and
14 Zebulon, Dan, and Naphtali. And the Levites shall speak, and say to all the men of Israel, with a loud voice,
15 'Cursed be the man that maketh any carved or molten image, an abomination to Jehovah, the work of the hands of the artificer, and setteth it up in secret.' And all the people
16 shall answer and say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that despiseth his father or his mother.' And all the people shall
17 say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's land-mark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
18 'Cursed be he that maketh the blind to err in the way.'
19 And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, the fatherless, and
20 the widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
21 'Cursed be he that lieth with any beast.' And all the people
22 shall say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his
23 mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law.' And all the people
24 shall say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
25 Cursed be he that taketh a bribe to slay an innocent person.'
26 And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' 'Cursed be he that confirmeth not the words of this law to do them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

- 1 CHAP. XXVIII.—And it shall come to pass, if thou wilt hearken diligently to the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Jehovah thy God will set thee on high above
2 the nations of the earth; and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, when thou shalt hearken to the
3 voice of Jehovah thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the
4 city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy ground, and

the fruit of thy cattle, the issue of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-bowls. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. Jehovah will cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: by one way shall they come out against thee, but by seven ways shall they flee before thee. Jehovah will command a blessing upon thee in thy store-houses, and in all to which thou puttest thy hands; and he will bless thee in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. Jehovah will establish thee a people holy to himself, as he hath sworn to thee, if thou wilt keep the commandments of Jehovah thy God, and walk in his ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of Jehovah; and they shall be afraid of thee. And Jehovah will cause thee to abound in good things, in the fruit of thy womb, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which Jehovah sware to thy fathers, to give thee. Jehovah will open to thee his good treasure, the heavens to give rain to thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thy hands; and thou shalt lend to many nations, but thou shalt not borrow. And Jehovah will make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath, when thou shalt hearken to the commandments of Jehovah thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them, and shalt not turn aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. But, if thou wilt not hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day, it shall come to pass that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-bowls. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, the issue of thy kine and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. Jehovah will send upon thee cursing, terror, and rebuke, in all which thou puttest forth thy hand to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, by which thou hast forsaken me. Jehovah will make the pestilence cleave to thee, until

he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou
22 goest to possess it. Jehovah will smite thee with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with extreme
burning, and with drought, and with blasting, and with mil-
23 dew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. And
thy heavens that are over thy head shall be brass, and the
24 earth that is under thee iron. Jehovah will make the rain
of thy land powder and dust: from the heavens shall it come
25 down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. Jehovah will cause
thee to be smitten before thine enemies: by one way shalt
thou go out against them, but by seven ways shalt thou flee
before them; and thou shalt wander through all the king-
26 doms of the earth. And thy carcase shall be food for all
fowls of the air, and for the beasts of the earth; and no man
27 shall scare them away. Jehovah will smite thee with the
ulcerous inflammation of Egypt, and with the piles, and with
the scab, and with the itch, of which thou canst not be healed.
28 Jehovah will smite thee with distraction, and blindness, and
29 astonishment of heart; and thou shalt grope at noon-day,
as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper
in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled
30 continually, and no one shall save thee. Thou shalt betroth
a wife, but another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build
a house, but thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant
31 a vineyard, but shalt not gather its fruit. Thine ox shall
be slaughtered before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat
of it: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before
thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall
be given to thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to
32 rescue them. Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given to
another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with look-*
ing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might
33 in thy hand. The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours,
shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt
34 be only oppressed and crushed continually; so that thou
shalt be mad at the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see:
35 Jehovah will smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a
sore ulcerous inflammation that cannot be healed, from the
36 sole of thy foot, to the crown of thy head. Jehovah will
bring thee, and thy king whom thou shalt set over thee, unto
a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known;
and there thou shalt serve other gods, of wood and stone.
37 And thou shalt be an astonishment, and a proverb, and a

taunt among all nations, whither Jehovah shall lead thee. Much seed shalt thou carry out into the field, but little shalt 38 thou gather in; for the locust shall consume it. Vineyards 39 shalt thou plant, and dress, but shalt neither drink the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the weevils shall eat them. Olive- 40 trees thou shalt have throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast its fruit. Sons and daughters thou shalt beget, but 41 they shall not be thine, for they shall go into captivity. All 42 thy trees and the fruit of thy land shall the locust consume. The stranger who is among thee, shall rise very high above 43 thee; and thou shalt sink very low. He shall lend to thee, 44 but thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, but thou shalt be the tail. Now all these curses shall come upon 45 thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not to the voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep his commandments, and his statutes which he commanded thee; and they shall be upon thee 46 for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. Because thou servedst not Jehovah thy God with joyfulness, 47 and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, whom Jehovah shall 48 send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he shall have destroyed thee. Jehovah 49 will raise up a nation against thee from afar, from the end of the earth, as swiftly as the eagle flieth; a nation whose language thou shalt not understand; a nation of a fierce 50 countenance, which shall not respect the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young; and which will eat the fruit 51 of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed; which will not leave thee corn, or wine, or oil, the issue of thy kine, or the flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, 52 until thy high and fenced walls, in which thou trustedst, throughout all thy land, come down; and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which Jehovah thy God hath given thee. And thou shalt eat the fruit of 53 thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, whom Jehovah thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, with which thine enemies shall distress thee. The eye of the tender and very delicate man among you shall 54 be evil towards his brother, and towards the wife of his bosom,

and towards the remnant of his children which he shall have
55 remaining; so that he will not give to any of them any portion of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because nothing is left him in the siege, and in the straitness with
56 which thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. The eye of the tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, shall be evil towards the husband of her bosom, and towards her son, and towards her daughter,
57 and towards her after-birth that cometh out from between her feet, and towards her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, with which thine enemy shall distress thee in
58 thy gates. If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and revere this
59 glorious and fearful name, JEHOVAH THY GOD; then Jehovah will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, great plagues, and of long continuance, and grievous
60 sicknesses, and of long continuance. For he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, of which thou wast afraid;
61 and they shall cleave to thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them
62 will Jehovah bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the
63 voice of Jehovah thy God. And as Jehovah rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so will Jehovah rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be torn away from the land whither thou goest
64 to possess it. And Jehovah will scatter thee among all the peoples, from the one end of the earth, even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou
65 nor thy fathers have known, of wood and stone. And among these nations thou shalt find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but Jehovah will give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind;
66 and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have no assurance of thy life.
67 In the morning thou shalt say, 'Would that it were evening!' and in the evening thou shalt say, 'Would that it were morning!' for the fear of thy heart, with which thou shalt fear,
68 and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. For Jehovah will bring thee into Egypt again in ships, the way

of which I said to thee, 'Thou shalt see it no more again;' and there ye shall be sold to your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, until there be no one to buy you." CHAP. XXIX.—These are the words of the covenant, which Jehovah commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he had made with them in Horeb.

And Moses called to all the Israelites, and said to them, 2
"Ye have seen all that Jehovah did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; the great trials which thine eyes have seen, the 3 signs, and those great miracles; yet Jehovah hath not given 4 you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. And I have led you forty years in the wilder- 5 ness: your clothes have not wasted from off you, and thy shoe hath not wasted from off thy foot. Ye have not eaten 6 bread, nor have ye drunk wine or strong drink; that ye might know that I am Jehovah your God. And when ye came 7 unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we smote them, and we took their land, and gave it for 8 an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half of the tribe of Manassch. Keep, there- 9 fore, the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do. Ye are standing this day all of 10 you before Jehovah your God; your chiefs of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, your 11 little ones, and your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood to the drawer of thy water; that thou shouldest enter into covenant with Jehovah 12 thy God, and into his oath, which Jehovah thy God maketh with thee this day; that he may establish thee this day for 13 a people to himself, and that he may be to thee a God, as he hath said to thee, and as he hath sworn to thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Nor with you alone do I 14 make this covenant and this oath; but with him that stand- 15 eth here with us this day before Jehovah our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day. For ye your- 16 selves know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we passed in the midst of the nations through which ye passed; and ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, of 17 wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them. Let there not *therefore* be among you man, or woman, or 18

family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from Jehovah our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations ; let there not be among you a root that beareth hemlock and
 19 wormwood ; any one who, when he heareth the words of this curse, shall bless himself in his heart, saying, ‘ I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my heart, to add
 20 drunkenness to thirst.’ Jehovah will not spare him, but then the anger of Jehovah and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and Jehovah will blot out his name
 21 from under the heavens. And Jehovah will separate him for evil, out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of
 22 the law ; so that the generation to come of your children, that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a distant land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which Jehovah shall have laid
 23 upon it ; the whole land burnt up with sulphur and salt, not sown, nor bearing, nor any grass growing therein ; like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim,
 24 which Jehovah overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath ; even all the nations shall say, ‘ Wherefore hath Jehovah done thus to this land ? what *meaneth* the heat of this great
 25 anger ? ’ Then it shall be said, ‘ Because they have forsaken the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the
 26 land of Egypt : for they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he
 27 had not given to them : so the anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are
 28 written in this book ; and Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and
 29 cast them into another land, as *it is seen* this day.’ Secret things *belong* to Jehovah our God ; but things revealed, to us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

1 CHAP. XXX.—Yet when all these things shall have come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, if thou shalt consider among all the nations
 2 whither Jehovah thy God shall have driven thee, and shalt return to Jehovah thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou, and thy chil-

dren, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; then Jehovah 3
thy God will reverse thy captivity, and have compassion upon
thee, and will again gather thee from all the nations,
whither Jehovah thy God shall have scattered thee. If any 4
of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of the heavens,
thence will Jehovah thy God gather thee, and thence will he
fetch thee. And Jehovah thy God will bring thee into the 5
land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it;
and he will do thee good, and multiply thee more than thy
fathers. And Jehovah thy God will circumcise thy heart, 6
and the heart of thy seed, to love Jehovah thy God with all
thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And 7
Jehovah thy God will lay all these curses upon thine enemies,
and on those who hate thee, who have persecuted thee. But 8
if thou return, and obey the voice of Jehovah, and do all his
commandments, which I command thee this day, then Je- 9
hovah thy God will make thee greatly to abound in every
work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit
of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land. For Jehovah will
again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy
fathers, if thou wilt hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy 10
God, to keep his commandments and his statutes, which are
written in this book of the law, and if thou wilt turn to
Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.
Now this commandment which I command thee this day, is 11
not hidden from thee, nor is it far off. It is not in the 12
heavens, that thou shouldest say, 'Who will go up for us to
the heavens, and bring it to us, that we may hear it, and do
it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, 13
'Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we
may hear it, and do it?' but the word is very nigh to thee, 14
in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.
See, I set before thee this day, life and good, and death and 15
evil; in that I command thee this day, to love Jehovah thy 16
God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments
and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live
and multiply; and that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in
the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thy heart 17
turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but thou be drawn
away and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce 18
to you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall
not prolong your days upon the land whither thou art pass-
ing over the Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and 19

earth to witness this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose
 20 life, that both thou and thy seed may live; that thou mayest love Jehovah thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave to him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which Jehovah sware to thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

1 CHAP. XXXI.—Then Moses went, and spake these
 2 words to all the Israelites. And he said to them, "I am a hundred and twenty years old this day: I can no more go out and come in: and Jehovah hath said to me, 'Thou shalt
 3 not go over this Jordan.' Jehovah thy God will himself go over before thee; he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them; Joshua shall go over
 4 before thee, as Jehovah hath said. And Jehovah will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and to their land, whom he destroyed. And Jehovah will give
 5 them up before your face, that ye may do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.
 6 Be strong and of good courage; fear them not, nor dread them; for it is Jehovah thy God himself, who goeth with
 7 thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." And Moses called to Joshua, and said to him in the sight of all Israel,
 "Be strong and of good courage; for thou must go with this people into the land which Jehovah hath sworn to their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit
 8 it. And it is Jehovah himself who goeth before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, nor be dismayed."
 9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it to the priests the sons of Levi, who bare the ark of the covenant of Je-
 10 hovah, and to all the elders of Israel. And Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of remission, in the feast of tabernacles,
 11 when all the Israelites come to appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this
 12 law before all the Israelites in their hearing. Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jehovah your God, and ob-
 13 serve to do all the words of this law; and that their children

who have not known *it* may hear, and learn to fear Jehovah your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye are going over the Jordan to possess it."

And Jehovah said to Moses, "Lo, thy days approach that ¹⁴ thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may give him a charge." Then Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. And Jehovah appeared in the tent in a ¹⁵ pillar of a cloud; and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tent. And Jehovah said to Moses, "Lo, thou ¹⁶ shalt lie with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go astray after the strange gods of the land whither they are going, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be ¹⁷ kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, 'Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not amongst us?' and I will surely hide ¹⁸ my face in that day, for all the evil which they shall have done, by turning to other gods. Now therefore write for ¹⁹ yourselves this song, and teach it to the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For when I shall have ²⁰ brought them into the land which I swear to their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and become fat; then will they turn to other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. And when many evils and troubles shall have ²¹ befallen them, this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed. For I know their imagination, what they are disposed to do, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear to *give them*." Moses therefore wrote this song ²² the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel. And ²³ he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, "Be strong and of good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear to them: and I will be with thee."—And when Moses had made an end of ²⁴ writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, Moses commanded the Levites, who bare the ark of ²⁵ the covenant of Jehovah, saying, "Take this book of the ²⁶ law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of

Jehovah your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck : behold, while I am yet alive with you this day ye have been rebellious against Jehovah ; and how much more after my death ? Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you ; and evil will hereafter befall you because ye will do evil in the sight of Jehovah to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands." So Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel, the words of this song, until they were ended.

1 CHAP. XXXII.—" Give ear, O ye heavens ! while I speak ;

And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2 Let my doctrine drop as the rain,

And my speech distil as the dew,

As showers on the tender herb,

And as copious rain on the grass :

3 For I proclaim the name of Jehovah.

Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 *He is* the Rock, perfect is his work ;

For all his ways are just :

A God of truth and without iniquity,

Just and right is he.

5 They are corrupted—not his—children of pollution ;

A generation perverse and crooked.

6 Do ye thus requite Jehovah ?

O people foolish and unwise !

Is he not thy father who bought thee ?

Hath he not made thee, and formed thee ?

7 Remember the days of old,

Consider the years of successive generations ;

Ask thy father, and he will declare to thee ;

Thine elders, and they will tell thee :

8 When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance,

When he separated the sons of Adam,

He set the bounds of the peoples

According to the number of the children of Israel.

For the portion of Jehovah is his people ; 9
 Jacob the lot of his inheritance.
 He found him in a desert land, 10
 And in the waste, howling wilderness :
 He surrounded him, he instructed him ;
 And he guarded him as the apple of his eye.
 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, 11
 Fluttereth over her young,
 Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them up,
 Beareth them on her pinions :
 So Jehovah alone led him, 12
 And no strange god was with him.
 He made him ride over the heights of the earth, 13
 And gave him to eat of the increase of the fields ;
 He nourished him with honey out of the crag,
 And with oil out of the flinty rock ;
 Cream of kine, and milk of sheep ; 14
 With the fat of lambs,
 And of rams of the breed of Bashan, and of he-goats ;
 With the fat of kidneys of wheat ;
 And thou didst drink the foaming blood of the grape.
 But Jeshurun became fat, and kicked : 15
 Thou art become fat, thou art grown thick, thou art
 covered *with fatness* :
 Then he forsook God who made him,
 And despised the Rock of his salvation.
 They moved him to jealousy by strange *gods*, 16
 By abominations they provoked him to anger.
 They sacrificed to demons, not to God ; 17
 To gods whom they knew not ;
 To new *gods* that came newly up,
 Whom your fathers feared not.
 Of the Rock that begat thee thou wast unmindful, 18
 And didst forget the God that gave thee birth.
 And Jehovah saw it, and was indignant, 19
 At the provocation of his sons, and of his daughters.
 And he said, ‘ I will hide my face from them, 20
 And I will see what will be their end :
 For a perverse generation are they,
 Children in whom is no faithfulness.
 They have moved me to jealousy by that which is not 21
 God ;
 They have provoked me to anger by their vanities :

I will therefore move them to jealousy by those who are
not a people ;

By a foolish nation I will provoke them to anger.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger,
And it shall burn to the lowest depths,
And it shall consume the earth with its increase,
And set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap upon them evils :

Mine arrows I will exhaust upon them.

24 They shall be wasted by famine, and devoured by burn-
ing heat,

And by bitter destruction :

The teeth of wild beasts also I will send upon them,

With the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 Without, the sword shall bereave,

And within, terror,

Both the young man and the virgin,

The suckling, with the man of gray hairs.

26 I would say, I will cut them off,

I will make the remembrance of them to cease among
men ;

27 Were I not afraid of the wrath of the enemy,

Lest their adversaries should misunderstand,

Lest they should say, Our own high hand,

And not Jehovah hath done all this.

28 For a nation void of counsel are they,

And there is no understanding in them.

29 Neither are they wise, to understand this,

And to discern their end.

30 How should one chase a thousand,

And two put ten thousand to flight,

Unless their Rock had sold them,

And Jehovah had delivered them up ?

31 For their Rock is not like our Rock,

Even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For of the vines of Sodom are their vines,

And of the fields of Gomorrah :

Their grapes are grapes of poison,

Clusters of bitterness have they.

33 The poison of dragons is their wine,

And the cruel venom of asps.

34 Is not this laid up in store with me,

Sealed up among my treasures ?

With me are vengeance and retribution, 35
 For a time when their foot shall slip.
 For near is the day of their calamity,
 And that which is ready for them is hastening on.'

For Jehovah will avenge his people, 36
 And repent himself for his servants,
 When he shall see that their power is gone,
 And not *even* one shut up or left at large.
 And he will say, 'Where are their gods, 37
 The Rock in whom they trusted,
 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, 38
 And drank the wine of their drink-offerings ?

Let them arise, and help you,
 And let them be your protection.
 See now that I, *even* I, am He, 39
 And there is no god with me :

I kill, and I make alive ;
 I wound, and I heal ;
 And no one can deliver out of my hand.
 For I lift up my hand to the heavens, 40
 And I say, As I live for ever, '

If I sharpen the lightning of my sword, 41
 And my hand take hold on judgment,
 I will render vengeance to mine enemies,
 And those who hate me I will requite.

I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, 42
 And my sword shall devour flesh ;
 With the blood of the slain and of captives,
The flesh of the chiefs of the foe.'

Rejoice, O ye nations, his people ; 43
 For the blood of his servants he will avenge,
 And he will render vengeance to his adversaries,
 And expiate the land of his own people."

And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in 44
 the hearing of the people, he, and Joshua the son of Nun.
 And when Moses had made an end of speaking all these 45
 words to all the Israelites ; he said to them, "Apply your 46
 hearts to all the words which I testify among you this day,
 which ye shall command your children to observe, and to do
 all the words of this law. For it is not a light thing for 47
 you ; because it is your life ; and by this ye shall prolong
 your days in the land, whither ye are going over the Jordan
 to possess it."

49 And Jehovah spake to Moses that very day, saying, "Go up to this mount Abarim, mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, 50 which I give to the children of Israel for a possession; and die on the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered to thy people, as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, 51 and was gathered to his people; because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel, at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me 52 not in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither into the land which I give to the children of Israel."

1 CHAP. XXXIII.—Now this is the blessing, with which Moses the man of God, blessed the children of Israel before 2 his death. And he said,

"Jehovah came from Sinai,
And dawned upon them from Seir;
He shone forth from mount Paran,
And came with ten thousands from Kadesh.
From his right hand, streams *issued* for them.

3 Truly, he loveth the people:
All its saints are in thy hand:
And at thy feet they sat down,
That they might receive thy commands;
4 The law *which* Moses prescribed to us,
The inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.
5 And he was king in Jeshurun,
When the heads of the people were assembled,
Together with the tribes of Israel.

6 May Reuben live, and not die;
Though his men be few!"

7 And this *is the blessing* of Judah; and he said,

"Hear, O Jehovah, the voice of Judah,
And bring him *back* to his people:
Let his own hand contend for him;
And be thou a help against his enemies."

8 And of Levi he said,

"May thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one,
Whom thou didst try at Massah,
With whom thou didst contend at the waters of Meribah;

- Who said to his father and to his mother, 9
 ‘ I see him not ;’
 And his brethren he acknowledged not,
 And his own children he knew not.
 For they observed thy word,
 And they kept thy covenant.
 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, 10
 And Israel thy law :
 They shall put incense before thee,
 And whole burnt-sacrifices upon thine altar.
 Bless, O Jehovah, his substance, 11
 And accept the work of his hands :
 Smite through the loins of them who rise up against him,
 And of them who hate him, that they rise not up
 again.”
- Of Benjamin he said, 12
 “ The beloved of Jehovah ! may he dwell in safety near him ;
 May he continually protect him ;
 And between his shoulders may he dwell ! ”
- And of Joseph he said, 13
 “ Blessed by Jehovah be his land,
 With the precious thing of the heavens, with the dew,
 And with the deep that lieth beneath,
 And with the precious productions of the sun, 14
 And with the precious produce of the moons,
 And with the chief things of the ancient mountains, 15
 And with the precious things of the everlasting hills,
 And with the precious things of the earth and its 16
 fulness.
 And may the favour of Him who dwelt in the bush,
 Come upon the head of Joseph,
 And upon the crown-of-the-head of the chief of his
 brethren.
 As of a first-born steer, be his beauty ; 17
 And as the horns of a buffalo, his horns :
 With these may he push the people
 Together, to the ends of the earth.
 Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim,
 And such the thousands of Manasseh.”
- And of Zebulun he said, 18
 “ Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out ;
 And, Issachar, in thy tents.
 They shall call the people to the mountain : 19

There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness ;
 For of the abundance of the seas they shall suck,
 And of treasures hidden in the sand."

And of Gad he said,

20 "Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad !

As a lioness he dwelleth,
 And teareth the arm with the crown-of-the-head.
 21 So he seeth the first part *allotted* to himself,
 For there a portion from the Lawgiver is secured.
 Yet he goeth with the heads of the people,
 And executeth the justice of Jehovah,
 And his judgments with Israel."

22 And of Dan he said,

"Dan is a lion's whelp ;
 Which leapeth from Bashan."

23 And of Naphtali he said,

"Naphtali satisfied with favour,
 And full of the blessing of Jehovah,
 Shall possess the west and the south."

24 And of Asher he said,

"May Asher be blessed with children ;
 May he be acceptable to his brethren,
 And may he dip his foot in oil !

25 Thy bars shall be iron and brass ;
 And as thy days, so shall be thy strength."

26 "No one is like the God of Jeshurun,
 Who rideth upon the heavens in thine aid,
 And in his majesty on the clouds.

27 *Thy* refuge *is the* eternal God,
 And beneath *thee* the everlasting arms.
 And he shall drive out the enemy from before thee ;
 And shall say, 'Destroy them.'

28 And Israel shall dwell in safety alone ;
 The eye of Jacob

Shall be on a land of corn and wine ;
 His heavens also shall drop down dew.

29 Happy thou, O Israel !

Who is like to thee, O people, saved by Jehovah,
 The shield of thy help,
 And the sword of thine excellency ?
 And thine enemies shall submit to thee ;
 And thou shalt tread upon their high places."

CHAP. XXXIV.—Then Moses went up from the plains 1
of Moab to mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is op-
posite to Jericho. And Jehovah showed him all the land of
Gilcad, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, 2
and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the farther
sea, and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, 3
the City of palm-trees, unto Zoar. And Jehovah said to 4
him, “This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac,
and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to thy seed:’ I have
caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go
over thither.” So Moses the servant of Jehovah died there 5
in the land of Moab, according to the word of Jehovah.
And he was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, over 6
against Bethpeor; but no one knoweth of his sepulchre to
this day. And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old 7
when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force
abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the 8
plains of Moab thirty days, until the days of weeping and
mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of 9
wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the
children of Israel hearkened to him, and did as Jehovah
commanded Moses. And there arose not a prophet since in 10
Israel, like to Moses, whom Jehovah knew face to face, in all 11
the signs and the wonders which Jehovah sent him to do in
the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh, and all his servants, and
all his land, and in all that mighty hand, and in all the 12
great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

- 1 CHAP. I.—It came to pass after the death of Moses the
servant of Jehovah, that Jehovah spake to Joshua the son of
2 Nun, the minister of Moses, saying,—“Moses my servant is
dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all
this people, to the land which I give to them, *even* the children
3 of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread
4 upon, I give to you, as I said to Moses. From the desert
and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Eu-
phrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea
toward the going down of the sun, shall be your boundary.
5 No man shall be able to stand against thee all the days of
thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will
6 not fail thee, neither will I forsake thee. Be strong and of
good courage; for thou shalt divide for an inheritance to this
people the land, which I sware to their fathers to give them.
7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest
observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant
commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to
the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.
8 Let not this book of the law depart out of thy mouth; but
meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to
do according to all that is written therein: for then thou
shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have
9 good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong
and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dis-
mayed; for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou
goest.”
10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,
11 “Pass through the camp, and command the people, saying,
‘Prepare for yourselves victuals; for within three days ye
shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land,
12 which Jehovah your God giveth you to possess.’” And to
the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half of the

tribe of Manassch, Joshua spake, saying, "Remember the 13 word which Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, saying, 'Jehovah your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. Your wives, your little ones, and your 14 cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them, until 15 Jehovah shall have given rest to your brethren, as he hath given to you, and they also shall have possessed the land which Jehovah your God giveth to them: then ye shall return to the land of your possession, which Moses, the servant of Jehovah, gave you on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun; and enjoy it."

And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that thou com- 16 mandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go. According as we hearkened to Moses in all 17 things, so will we hearken to thee: only Jehovah thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. Every one who rebel- 18 leth against thy commandment, and who will not hearken to thy words in all that thou commandest him, shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage."

CHAP. II.—And Joshua the son of Nun secretly sent 1 out of Setim two spies, saying, "Go view the land and Jericho." And they went, and came to the house of a harlot, whose name was Rahab, and lodged there.

And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Lo, there 2 came in hither to-night men of the children of Israel, to search out the country." Then the king of Jericho sent to 3 Rahab, saying, "Bring forth the men that are come to thee, who are entered into thy house: for they are come to search out the whole land." And the woman took the two men, 4 and hid them; and she said, "Truly the men came unto me, but I know not whence they came; and when it was dark 5 and the gate was about to be shut, the men went out: whither the men went I know not: pursue them quickly, for ye may overtake them." But she had taken them up to the roof of 6 the house, and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. And the men pursued 7 them on the way to the Jordan, unto the fords: and as soon as they who pursued them were gone out, the gate was shut. Now they had not yet lain down, when she came up to them 8 upon the roof, and said to the men, "I know that Jehovah 9

hath given you the land, and that the dread of you is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint before
10 you. For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you, when ye came out of Egypt ; and what ye have done to the two kings of the Amorites, on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly
11 destroyed. When we heard *these things*, our hearts melted, and there remained no more courage in any man, because of you ; for Jehovah your God he is God in the heavens above,
12 and on the earth beneath. Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by Jehovah, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness to my father's house ; and give
13 me a token of truth. And ye shall save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that
14 they have, and deliver our lives from death." And the men answered her, "Our life for yours, if thou tell not this our business. And it shall be, when Jehovah hath given us the
15 land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee." Then she let them down by a cord through the window ; for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall ;
16 and said to them, "Go ye to the mountains, lest the pursuers meet you, and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned ; and afterward ye may go your way."
17 And the men said to her, "We will be blameless in respect
8 of this thy oath which thou hast made us swear. Lo, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window by which thou didst let us down ; and thou shalt bring unto thee into the house, thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household.
9 And whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless ; but whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his
20 blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him. But if thou tell this our business, then we will be blameless in
21 respect of thy oath which thou hast made us swear." And she said, "According to your words so be it." And she sent them away, and they departed ; and she bound the scarlet
22 cord in the window. And they went and came to the mountains, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned. And the pursuers sought them throughout all
23 the way, but found them not. So the two men returned, and descended from the mountains, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all that had

befallen them ; and they said to Joshua, " Truly Jehovah ²⁴ hath delivered into our hands all the land ; for already all the inhabitants of the land faint before us."

CHAP. III.—And Joshua rose early in the morning ; and ¹ they removed from Setim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. And at the end of three days, the officers went ² through the camp, and commanded the people, saying, ³ " When ye see the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it ; (yet there shall be a space ⁴ between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure : come not near to it ;) that ye may know the way by which ye must go ; for ye have not passed this way before."

And Joshua said to the people, " Sanctify yourselves ; for ⁵ to-morrow Jehovah will do wonders among you." And ⁶ Joshua spake to the priests, saying, " Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people." And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

And Jehovah said to Joshua, " This day will I begin to ⁷ magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou ⁸ shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, ' When ye are come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.' " And Joshua said ⁹ to the children of Israel, " Come hither, and hear the words of Jehovah your God." And Joshua said, " Hereby shall ¹⁰ ye know that the living God is among you, and that he will, without fail, drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Lo, the ¹¹ ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth on before you into the Jordan. Now therefore take ye twelve ¹² men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of ¹³ the priests that bear the ark of Jehovah, the lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan, the waters that come down from above, shall be cut off, and they shall stand in one heap." And it came ¹⁴ to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and when they who bare the ark were ¹⁵

come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water (for the Jordan
 16 overfloweth all its banks at the time of harvest), that the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up in one heap, very far off, at the city Adam, which is beside Zartan; and those that went down toward the sea of the plain, the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off; and the
 17 people passed over opposite to Jericho. And the priests who bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, while all the Israelites were passing over on dry ground; until the whole nation had passed completely over the Jordan.

1 CHAP. IV.—And it came to pass when the whole nation had completely passed over the Jordan, that Jehovah spake
 2 to Joshua, saying, “Take for yourselves twelve men out of
 3 the people, a man from every tribe, and command them, saying, ‘Take for yourselves hence out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests stood firm, twelve stones; and carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place where ye shall lodge this night.’”
 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from among the children of Israel, a man out of every tribe.
 5 And Joshua said to them, “Pass over before the ark of Jehovah your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take ye up every one of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to
 6 the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, that this may be a sign among you. When your children shall ask in time to come, saying, ‘What *mean* ye by these
 7 stones?’ then ye shall answer them, that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off; and these stones shall be for a memo-
 8 rial to the children of Israel for ever.” And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as Jehovah spake to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where
 9 they lodged, and laid them down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bare the ark of the covenant had
 10 stood; and they are there unto this day. And the priests who bare the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until

every thing was finished that Jehovah had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hastened and passed over. And when all the people had completely passed over, ¹¹ the ark of Jehovah passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. And the children of Reuben, and the ¹² children of Gad, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. About forty thousand armed for war ¹³ passed over before Jehovah to battle, to the plains of Jericho. On that day Jehovah magnified Joshua in the sight of all ¹⁴ Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.

And Jehovah spake to Joshua, saying, "Command the ¹⁵ priests that bear the ark of the testimony, to come up out of ¹⁶ the Jordan." Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come ye up out of the Jordan." And it came to ¹⁸ pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah were come up out of the midst of the Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests' feet had reached the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and flowed over all its banks as before. And the people came up out ¹⁹ of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the eastern boundary of Jericho. And ²⁰ those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. And he spake to the children of ²¹ Israel, saying, "When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What *mean* these stones?' Then ²² ye shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.' For Jehovah your God dried up ²³ the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye had passed over, as Jehovah your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up before us, until we had passed over; that all ²⁴ the people of the earth might know the hand of Jehovah, that it is mighty; that ye might fear Jehovah your God for ever." CHAP. V.—Now it came to pass, when all the kings ¹ of the Amorites, who were on the side of the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they had passed over, their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, "Make thee knives ²

- of stone, and circumcise again the children of Israel the
 3 second time." And Joshua made him knives of stone, and
 circumcised the children of Israel at the Hill of the fore-
 4 skins. And this is the cause why Joshua circumcised *them* :
 all the people that had come out of Egypt, the males, *even* all
 the men of war, had died in the desert by the way, after they
 5 had come out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out
 had been circumcised; but all the people that had been born in
 the desert on the way, after they had come forth out of Egypt,
 6 they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel jour-
 neyed forty years in the desert, till all the people *that were*
 men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because
 they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah; to whom Jehovah
 swore that he would not show them the land which Jehovah
 had sworn to their fathers that he would give us, a land flow-
 7 ing with milk and honey. And their children, whom he had
 raised up in their stead, Joshua circumcised; for they were
 uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the
 8 way. And when they had done circumcising all the people,
 they abode in their places in the camp till they were healed.
 9 And Jehovah said to Joshua, "This day have I rolled away
 the reproach of Egypt from off you." Wherefore the name
 of the place is called Gilgal [ROLLING AWAY] unto this
 day.
- 10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept
 the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, in the
 11 evening, in the plains of Jericho. And they ate of the old
 corn of the land, on the day after the passover, unleavened
 12 cakes and parched *corn* on the same day. And the manna
 ceased on the day after they had eaten of the old corn of the
 land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more;
 but they ate of the produce of the land of Canaan that
 year.
- 13 And when Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes
 and looked, and, lo, there stood a man over against him with
 his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went to him, and
 14 said to him, "Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?" And
 he said to him, "As captain of the host of Jehovah am I now
 come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and
 worshipped, and said to him, "What saith my lord to his
 15 servant?" And the captain of the host of Jehovah said
 to Joshua, "Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the
 place on which thou standest is holy." And Joshua did so.

CHAP. VI.—Now Jericho was closely shut up, because of 1
the children of Israel: no one went out, and no one came
in. And Jehovah said to Joshua, “See, I have given into 2
thy hand Jericho, and its king, and the mighty men of
valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, 3
going round the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.
And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven jubilee 4
trumpets; and the seventh day ye shall compass the city
seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.
And it shall come to pass that when they make a long *blast* 5
with the jubilee horn, when ye hear the sound of the trum-
pet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the
wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go
up, every man straight before him.” And Joshua the son of 6
Nun called the priests, and said to them, “Take up the ark
of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven jubilee
trumpets before the ark of Jehovah.” And he said to the 7
people, “Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is
armed pass on before the ark of Jehovah.” And it came to 8
pass, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven
priests bearing the seven jubilee trumpets passed on before
Jehovah, and blew with the trumpets; and the ark of the
covenant of Jehovah followed them. And the armed men 9
went before the priests who blew with the trumpets, and the
rear went after the ark, the trumpets sounding as they went
on. Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, “Ye 10
shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, neither shall a
word proceed from your mouth, until the day when I say to
you, ‘Shout;’ then shall ye shout.” So the ark of Jehovah 11
compassed the city, going about it once; then they came
into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests 12
took up the ark of Jehovah; and the seven priests, bearing 13
seven jubilee trumpets before the ark of Jehovah, went on
continually, and blew with the trumpets; and the armed
men went before them; but the rear went after the ark of
Jehovah, the trumpets sounding as they went on. And on 14
the second day they compassed the city once, and returned
into the camp: so they did six days. But on the seventh 15
day, they rose early about the dawning of the day, and com-
passed the city after the same manner seven times; on that
day only they compassed the city seven times. And it came 16
to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the

trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout; for Jehovah
 17 hath given you the city. And the city shall be devoted, *even*
 it and all that are therein, to Jehovah: only Rahab the harlot
 shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because
 18 she hid the messengers that we sent. But do ye strictly keep
 yourselves from the devoted thing, lest ye make *yourselves*
 devoted, when ye take of the devoted thing, and make the
 19 camp of Israel a devoted thing, and trouble it. But all the
 silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and of iron, are consecrated
 to Jehovah: they shall come into the treasury of Jehovah."
 20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trum-
 pets; and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound
 of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout,
 that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into
 the city, every man straight before him, and they took the
 21 city: and they utterly destroyed, with the edge of the sword,
 all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and
 22 old, and ox, and sheep, and ass. But Joshua had said to the
 two men that had spied out the country, "Go into the har-
 lot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that
 23 she hath, as ye sware to her." And the young men who had
 been spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father,
 and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and
 they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the
 24 camp of Israel. And they burnt the city with fire, and all
 that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the
 vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the
 25 house of Jehovah. And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot
 alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and
 she dwelleth in Israel *even* to this day; because she hid the
 26 messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. And
 Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying,

"Cursed be the man before Jehovah,

Who shall rise up and build this city Jericho:

In his first-born may he lay its foundations,

And in his youngest son may he set up its gates!"

27 Thus Jehovah was with Joshua; and his fame was spread
 throughout all the land.

1 CHAP. VII.—But the children of Israel committed a
 trespass in the devoted thing; for Achan, the son of Carmi,
 the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah,
 had taken a part of that which had been devoted; and the

anger of Jehovah was kindled against the children of Israel. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside 2 Beth-aven, on the east side of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and explore the country." And the men went up and explored Ai. And they returned to Joshua, and said to him, 3 "Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; weary not all the people *by sending them* thither; for they are few." So there went 4 up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. And the men of Ai smote of 5 them about thirty and six men; for they pursued them before the gate as far as to Shebarim, and smote them in the descent: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became *as* water. Then Joshua rent his clothes, and fell 6 upon his face to the ground before the ark of Jehovah until the evening, he and the elders of Israel, and they put dust upon their heads. And Joshua said, "Alas! O my Lord 7 Jehovah, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! O my Lord, what shall I say, 8 when Israel turn their backs before their enemies? For the 9 Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land, will hear of *it*, and will encompass us, and cut off our name from the earth; and what wilt thou do for thy great name?" And 10 Jehovah said to Joshua, "Arise; why liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also trans- 11 gressed my covenant which I enjoined upon them; for they have even taken of that which had been devoted, and have also stolen it, and dissembled also, and have even put *it* among their own baggage. Therefore the children of Israel 12 could not stand before their enemies: they turned *their* backs before their enemies because they are devoted: I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy that which is devoted from among you. Arise, sanctify the people, and say, 13 'Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow; for thus saith Jehovah God of Israel, A devoted thing is in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thy enemies, until ye take away the devoted thing from among you.' In the 14 morning therefore ye shall be brought forward according to your tribes; and the tribe which Jehovah shall take shall come forward according to its families; and the family which Jehovah shall take shall come forward according to its

households; and the household which Jehovah shall take
 15 shall come forward man by man. And he that is taken
 with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all
 that he hath, because he hath transgressed the covenant
 of Jehovah, and because he hath done wickedly in Israel."

16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought for-
 ward the Israelites by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah
 17 was taken; and he brought forward the family of Judah;
 and the family of the Zarhites was taken; and he brought
 forward the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi
 18 was taken. And he brought forward his household man
 by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the
 19 son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. And Joshua
 said to Achan, "My son, give, I pray thee, glory to Jehovah
 God of Israel, and make confession to him; and tell me
 20 now what thou hast done; hide it not from me." And
 Achan answered Joshua, and said, "I have sinned indeed
 against Jehovah God of Israel, and thus and thus have I
 21 done: when I saw among the spoils a fine mantle of Shi-
 naar, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold
 of the weight of fifty shekels, I coveted them, and took
 them; and, behold, they are hidden in the earth within my
 22 tent, and the silver undermost." So Joshua sent messengers,
 and they ran to the tent; and, lo, *the things* were hidden in
 23 his tent, and the silver undermost. And they took them
 from within the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to
 all the children of Israel, and spread them out before Jeho-
 24 vah. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the
 son of Zerah, and the silver, and the mantle, and the bar of
 gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his
 asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that belonged to
 25 him; and they brought them to the valley of Achor. And
 Joshua said, "Why hast thou troubled us? Jehovah will
 trouble thee this day." And all Israel stoned him with
 stones, and burned them with fire, and threw stones upon
 26 them, and raised over him a great heap of stones, *which re-*
maineth to this day. So Jehovah turned from the fierceness
 of his anger. Wherefore the name of the place was called,
 "The valley of Achor" [TROUBLE], unto this day.

1 CHAP. VIII.—Then Jehovah said to Joshua, "Fear not,
 nor be dismayed: take with thee all the people of war, and
 arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king

of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land. And thou shalt do to Ai and its king as thou hast done to Jericho and its king: only its spoil, and its cattle ye shall take for a booty to yourselves: place thee an ambush for the city on its further side.” So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night. And he commanded them, saying, “Lo, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, on the further side of the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready; and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach to the city; and when they come out to meet us, we will flee before them as before. And they will come out after us, till we have drawn them on from the city; for they will say, ‘They flee before us, as before,’ and we will flee before them. Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for Jehovah your God will deliver it into your hand. And when ye have taken the city, ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of Jehovah shall ye do. See, I have charged you.” So Joshua sent them forth; and they went, to lie in ambush, and took their station between Beth-el and Ai, on the western side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night among the people. And he rose up early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. And all the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came opposite to the city, and encamped on the north side of Ai: and there was a valley between them and Ai. Now he had taken about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the western side of the city. And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and the ambush on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. And when the king of Ai saw it, they made haste and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against the Israelites to battle, he and all his people, at an appointed time, before the plain; but he knew not that an ambush was laid for him on the further side of the city. And Joshua and all the Israelites feigned to be beaten before them, and fled by the way of the desert. And all the people that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. And there was not a man left

in Ai or Beth-el that went not out after the Israelites: and they left the city open, and pursued after the Israelites.

18 And Jehovah said to Joshua, "Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thy hand."

And Joshua stretched out the spear that was in his hand

19 toward the city. And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city, and took it, and made haste,

20 and set the city on fire. And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and lo, the smoke of the city ascended up to the heavens, and they had no power to flee this way or that way; and the people that fled towards the

21 desert turned back upon the pursuers. For when Joshua and all the Israelites saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city was ascending, then

22 they turned again, and slew the men of Ai; and the others issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of the Israelites, some on this side, and some on that side; and they smote them, so that they let none of them

23 remain or escape. But the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass when the Israelites had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the desert whither they had pursued them, and when they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed,

that all the Israelites returned to Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. And all that fell that day, both of

25 men and women, were twelve thousand; all the men of

26 Ai. For Joshua drew not his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the

27 inhabitants of Ai. Only the cattle and the spoil of that city, the Israelites took for a booty to themselves, according

28 to the word of Jehovah, which he commanded Joshua. And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap of ruins for ever, *even*

29 a desolation, unto this day. And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the evening: but as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase

down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, which

remaineth unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar to Jehovah God of Israel on

31 mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of

Moses, "An altar of whole stones, upon which no man hath lifted up *any* iron;" and they offered on it burnt-offerings to Jehovah, and sacrificed peace-offerings. And he wrote there ³² upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written in the presence of the children of Israel. And all ³³ Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side, before the priests the Levites, who bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, as well the stranger as he that was born among them: half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of Jehovah had before commanded, that they should bless the people of Israel. And ³⁴ afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses had com- ³⁵ manded which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were living among them.

CHAP. IX.—Now it came to pass, when all the kings ¹ who were on this side of the Jordan, in the mountains, and in the plains, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *of these things*, that they gathered themselves together, to ² fight with Joshua and with the Israelites, with one accord. But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had ³ done to Jericho and to Ai, they acted craftily, and went ⁴ and prepared themselves provisions, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-skins old and rent and bound up, and shoes old and clouted upon their feet, and old ⁵ garments upon themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto ⁶ the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, "We are come from a far country: now therefore make ye a covenant with us." And the men of Israel said ⁷ to the Hivites, "Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a covenant with you?" And they said to ⁸ Joshua, "We are thy servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are ye? and whence come ye?" And they said to ⁹ him, "From a very far country thy servants are come, because of the name of Jehovah thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, and all that ¹⁰

he did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, 'Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants : ' therefore now make ye a covenant with us. This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to come to you ; but now, lo, it is dry, and it is mouldy : and these wine-skins, which we filled, were new ; and, lo, they are rent : and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey." And the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of Jehovah.

And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live : and the princes of the congregation sware to them. But it came to pass, at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. And the children of Israel journeyed, and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibcon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. But the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by Jehovah God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. But all the princes said to all the congregation, "We have sworn unto them by Jehovah God of Israel : now, therefore, we may not touch them. This we will do to them ; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware to them." And the princes said to them, "Let them live ; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, as the princes had promised them." So Joshua called for them, and spake to them, saying, "Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, 'We are very far from you ; ' when ye dwell among us ? Now therefore ye are accursed ; and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God." And they answered Joshua, and said, "Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that Jehovah thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were greatly afraid for our lives because of you, and

have done this thing. And now, lo, we are in thy hand : 25
 as it seemeth good and right to thee to do to us, do." And so did he to them, and delivered them out of the 26
 hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. 27
 But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water, for the congregation and for the altar of Jehovah, even unto this day, in the place which he shall choose.

CHAP. X.—Now it came to pass when Adoni-zedek king 1
 of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it ; and had done to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with the Israelites, and were among them ; that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was 2
 a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men in it were mighty. Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham 3
 king of Hebron, and to Piram king of Jarmuth, and to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, "Come up to me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon ; 4
 for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of 5
 Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. And the men of Gibeon 6
 sent to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Stay not thy hand from thy servants ; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us ; for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us." So Joshua 7
 went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. And Jehovah said 8
 to Joshua, "Fear them not ; for I have delivered them into thy hand : not a man of them shall stand before thee." Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, going up from 9
 Gilgal all night. And Jehovah confounded them before the 10
 Israelites, who slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and to Makkedah. And 11
 as they were fleeing from before the Israelites, and were in the way going down to Beth-horon, Jehovah cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died :

so that *they were* more who died by the hailstones than they
12 whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. Then
spake Joshua to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah delivered
up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said
in the sight of Israel,

“Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon ;
And thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.”

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed,
Until the people had avenged themselves upon their
enemies.

Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun
stood still in the midst of the heavens, and hastened not to
14 go down about a whole day. And there was no day like
that before it or after it, that Jehovah hearkened to the voice
15 of a man ; for Jehovah fought for Israel. And Joshua
returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp, to Gilgal.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at
17 Makkedah. And it was told Joshua, saying, “The five
18 kings are found hidden in a cave at Makkedah.” And

Joshua said, “Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave,
19 and set men by it to watch them : and stay ye not, *but*
pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them ;
suffer them not to enter into their cities ; for Jehovah your
20 God hath delivered them into your hand.” And it came to
pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an
end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they
were consumed, that the rest that remained of them entered

21 into fortified cities. And all the people returned to the
camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace : none moved his

22 tongue against any of the children of Israel. Then said
Joshua, “Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those

23 five kings to me out of the cave.” And they did so, and
brought forth those five kings to him out of the cave, the
king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jar-

24 muth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon. And
it came to pass, when they had brought those kings to

Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and
said to the captains of the men of war who went with him,
“Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings.”

And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of
25 them. And Joshua said to them, “Fear not, nor be dis-
mayed, be strong and be of good courage : for thus shall
Jehovah do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.”

And afterwards Joshua smote them, and slew them, and 26
hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging upon
the trees until the evening. And it came to pass at the time 27
of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded,
and they took them down from the trees, and cast them into
the cave wherein they had been hidden, and laid great
stones on the mouth of the cave, *which remain* until this
very day. And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote 28
it with the edge of the sword, and its king he utterly
destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein; he let
none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he had
done to the king of Jericho.

Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all the Israelites 29
with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah: and Je- 30
hovah delivered it also, and its king, into the hand of the
Israelites, who smote it with the edge of the sword, and all
the souls who were therein; they let none remain in it; but
did to its king as they had done to the king of Jericho.
And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all the Israelites with 31
him, to Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against
it: and Jehovah delivered Lachish into the hand of the 32
Israelites, who took it on the second day, and smote it with
the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein,
according to all that they had done to Libnah. Then Horam 33
king of Gezer came to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him
and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

And from Lachish Joshua passed to Eglon, and all the 34
Israelites with him; and they encamped against it, and
fought against it: and they took it on that day, and smote 35
it with the edge of the sword; and all the souls that were
therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that
he had done to Lachish. And Joshua went up from Eglon, 36
and all the Israelites with him, to Hebron; and they fought
against it; and they took it, and smote it with the edge of the 37
sword, and its king, and all its cities, and all the souls that
were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he
had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the
souls that were therein. And Joshua returned, and all the 38
Israelites with him, to Debir, and fought against it, and 39
took it, and its king, and all its cities, and they smote them
with the edge of the sword, and devoted all the souls that
were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to
Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to its king; as he had done

40 also to Libnah and to its king. So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the lowland, and of the hill sides, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but devoted all that breathed, as Jehovah God of
 41 Israel had commanded. And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen
 42 even to Gibeon. And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because Jehovah God of Israel
 43 fought for Israel. Then Joshua returned, and all the Israelites with him, to the camp, to Gilgal.

1 CHAP. XI.—Now it came to pass when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *these things*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of
 2 Achishaph, and to the kings that *were* on the north in the mountainous country; and in the plain of *Jordan* south of Chinneroth; and in the lowland, and in the region of Dor
 3 on the west; *to* the Canaanites on the east and on the west, and to the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the mountainous country, and *to* the
 4 Hivites under Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh. And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand upon the sea-shore in multitude, with very
 5 many horses and chariots. And when all these kings had appointed a meeting-place, they went and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against the Israel-
 6 ites. And Jehovah said to Joshua, “Be not afraid because of them: for to-morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before the Israelites: thou shalt hamstring their
 7 horses, and burn their chariots with fire.” So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them,
 8 and Jehovah delivered them into the hand of the Israelites, who smote them, and chased them to great Zidon, and to Misrephoth-maim, and to the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none re-
 9 maining. And Joshua did to them as Jehovah bade him: he hamstrung their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote its king with the sword; (for Hazor was in
 11 former time the head of all those kingdoms;) and they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the

sword, devoting *them*; there was not left any thing that breathed; and he burnt Hazor with fire. And all the cities ¹² of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua took, and smote them with the edge of the sword; he devoted them, as Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded. But the cities that ¹³ stood upon their heights, the Israelites burned none of them, save Hazor only; *that* did Joshua burn. And all the spoil ¹⁴ of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a booty to themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them; they left not any thing that breathed. As Jehovah had commanded Moses ¹⁵ his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that Jehovah had commanded Moses. So Joshua took all that land, the ¹⁶ mountainous country, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the plain of *Jordan*, and the mountainous country of Israel, and its lowlands; *even* ¹⁷ from the bare mountain that goeth up towards Scir, to Baal-gad, in the valley of Lebanon, to mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them. Joshua ¹⁸ made war a long time with all those kings. There was not ¹⁹ a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *the rest* they took in battle. For it was of Jehovah to harden their ²⁰ hearts, that they should come against the Israelites in battle, that they might devote them utterly, that they might have no favour, but that they might destroy them, as Jehovah had commanded Moses.

And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakites ²¹ from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua devoted them utterly with their cities. There was none of the Anakites left in the ²² land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, they remained. So Joshua took the whole ²³ land, according to all that Jehovah had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to the Israelites, according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAP. XII.—Now these are the kings of the land, ¹ whom the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun; from the

river Arnon to mount Hermon, and all the plain of *Jordan* on the east: Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the torrent of Arnon, and from the middle of the torrent, and from the half of Gilead, to the torrent Jabbok, the boundary of the children of Ammon; and the plain of *Jordan* to the sea of Chinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain of *Jordan*, the salt sea on the east, on the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, on the side of Ashdoth-pisgah: and the coast of Og king of Bashan, *who was* of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, and reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, to the boundary of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites, and the half of Gilead, the boundary of Sihon king of Heshbon. These did Moses the servant of Jehovah and the children of Israel smite; and Moses the servant of Jehovah gave it *for* a possession to the Reubenites, and Gadites, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh.

And these are the kings of the country whom Joshua and the children of Israel smote beyond the Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even to the bare mountain, that goeth up towards Scir; which Joshua gave to the tribes of Israel *for* a possession, according to their divisions: in the mountainous country, and in the lowland, and in the plain of *Jordan*, and in the hill-sides, and in the desert, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; the king of Makedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one; the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam by Carmel, one; the king of Dor in the region of Dor, one; the king of Goim by Gilgal, one; the king of Tirzah, one; all the kings thirty and one.

CHAP. XIII.—Now Joshua was old, far advanced in 1 years; and Jehovah said to him, “Thou art old, far advanced in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the regions 2 of the Philistines, and all Geshuri, from Sihor, which is 3 before Egypt, even to the boundary of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites towards the south; all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that 4 *is* beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites; and the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, 5 toward the sun-rising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon to the entering into Hamath; all the inhabitants of the hill- 6 country, from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, I will drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot to the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. Now therefore divide 7 this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half of the tribe of Manassch, with whom the Reubenites and 8 the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them; from Aroer, that is upon the 9 bank of the torrent Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the torrent, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon; and 10 all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the boundary of the children of Ammon; and 11 Gilead, and the boundary of the Geshurites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salcah: all 12 the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast out. (Nevertheless the 13 children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites; but the Geshurites and Maachathites dwell among the Israelites unto this day.) Only to the tribe of 14 Levi he gave no inheritance; the sacrifices of Jehovah God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as he said to them.” And Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben 15 *inheritance* according to their families; and their boundary 16 was from Aroer on the bank of the torrent Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the torrent, and all the plain by 17 Madeba; Heshbon, and all her cities in the plain; Dibon, 17 and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal meon, and Jahaza, and 18

19 Kedemoth, and Mephaath, and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and
 20 Zareth-shahar in the mount of the valley, and Beth-peor,
 21 and Ashdoth-pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, and all the cities
 of the plain *of Jordan*, and all the kingdom of Sihon king
 of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses
 smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur,
 and Hur, and Reba, princes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.
 22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, the children of
 Israel slew with the sword among those who were slain by
 23 them. And the boundary of the children of Reuben was
 the Jordan and its boundary. This *was* the inheritance of
 the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and
 villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave *inheritance* to the tribe of Gad, to the chil-
 25 dren of Gad, according to their families; and their boundary
 was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of
 the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is before Rabbah;
 26 and from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and
 27 from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir; and in the valley,
 Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the
 rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *its*
 border, unto the edge of the sea of Chinneroth, on the other
 28 side Jordan eastward. This *is* the inheritance of the children
 of Gad after their families, the cities and their villages.

29 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half of the tribe of
 Manasseh: and *this* was the *possession* of the half of the tribe
 30 of the children of Manasseh by their families: and their
 boundary was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom
 of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in
 31 Bashan, sixty cities; and half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and
 Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were given* to
 the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, to the one half
 32 of the children of Machir by their families. These *are the*
countries which Moses distributed for inheritance in the plains
 33 of Moab, beyond the Jordan, by Jericho, eastward. But to the
 tribe of Levi, Moses gave not *any* inheritance: Jehovah God
 of Israel was their inheritance, as he said to them.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And these *are the countries* which the
 children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which
 Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the
 heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel,
 2 distributed for inheritance to them. By lot *was* their in-

heritance, as Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe. For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side of the Jordan: but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. As Jehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal; and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said to him, "Thou knowest what Jehovah said to Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of Jehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word as it was in my heart. But my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed Jehovah my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thy inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed Jehovah my God.' And now, lo, Jehovah hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since Jehovah spake this word to Moses, while the Israelites wandered in the desert: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old; yet I *am* this day as strong as in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now for war, both to go out and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountainous land of which Jehovah spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day that the Anakites *were* there, and that the cities were great *and* fenced: if Jehovah be with me, I shall be able to drive them out, as Jehovah hath said." And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, for an inheritance. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb, the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, to this day, because that he wholly followed Jehovah God of Israel.

Now the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba [THE CITY OF ARBA]; *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakites. And the land had rest from war.

CHAP. XV.—And the lot of the tribe of the children of

Judah according to their families, was to the boundary of Edom; the desert of Zin southward was the uttermost
2 part of the south. And their southern boundary was
3 from the shore of the salt sea, from the tongue of land
4 that looketh southward: and it went to the south side to
Maaleh-acrabbin, and passed along to Zin, and went up on
the south side unto Kadesh-barnea; and passed along to
Hezron, and went up to Adar, and wound about to Karkaa:
4 *thence* it passed toward Azmon, and went on to the torrent
of Egypt; and the extremities of that boundary were at the
sea. This shall be your southern boundary.

5 And the eastern boundary *was* the salt sea, *even* unto the
end of the Jordan. And *their* boundary in the north quarter
was from the tongue of land of the sea at the termination of
6 the Jordan. And the boundary went up to Beth-hogla, and
passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the
boundary went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
7 And the boundary went up toward Debir from the valley
of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is*
before the going up to Adummim, *which is* on the south side
of the river; and the boundary passed toward the waters of
8 Eushemesh, and its extremities were at En-rogel; and the
boundary went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto
the south side of the Jebusite (the *same is* Jerusalem); and
the boundary went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth*
before the valley of Hinnom westward, which *is* at the end
9 of the valley of the giants northward; and the boundary
was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the
water of Nephtoah, and went on to the cities of mount
Ephron; and the boundary was drawn to Baalah (which *is*
10 Kirjath-jearim); and the boundary wound about from Baalah
westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of
mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and
11 went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah; and
the boundary went out unto the side of Ekron north-
wards; and the boundary was drawn to Shicron, and passed
along to mount Baalah, and went on unto Jabneel; and the
12 extremities of the boundary were at the sea. And the west-
ern boundary *was* to the great sea, and its coast. This *is* the
boundary of the children of Judah round about, according
to their families.

13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part

among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of Jehovah to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron. And Caleb drove thence the 14 three sons of Anak, Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. And he went up thence to the inhabit- 15 ants of Debir: and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher. And Caleb said, "He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, 16 and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife." And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the younger brother 17 of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. And as she came *unto him*, it came to pass that she 18 moved him to ask of her father a field; and she lighted off *her* ass, and Caleb said unto her, "What wouldest thou?" 19 who answered, "Give me a blessing; for thou hast given 19 me a south land; give me also springs of water." And he gave her the upper springs, and the lower springs.

This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of 20 Judah according to their families. And the cities at the ex- 21 tremity of the tribe of the children of Judah, toward the coast of Edom southward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, and Kedesh, 23 and Hazor, and Ithnan, Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, and 25 Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor, Amam, and Shema, *and* Moladah, and Hazar-gaddah, and 27 Heshmon, and Beth-palet, and Hazar-shual, and Beersheba, 28 and Bizjothjah, Baalah, and Iim, and Azem, and Eltolad, and 30 Chesil, and Hormah, and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and San- 31 sannah, and Lebaoth, *and* Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: 32 all the cities *are* twenty and nine, with their villages. *And* 33 in the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, and Zanoah, 34 and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, Jarmuth, and Adul- 35 lam, Socoh, and Azekah, and Sharaim, and Adithaim, and 36 Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages. Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdalgad, and Dilean, 38 and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, 39 and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish, and Gederoth, Beth- 41 dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages. Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, and Jiphtah, and 43 Ashnah and Nezib, and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; 44 nine cities with their villages. Ekron with her towns and her villages: from Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near 46 Ashdod, with their villages: Ashdod with her towns and her 47

villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the torrent of Egypt, and the great sea, and its coast ; and in the mountainous country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir, and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh ; eleven cities with their villages. Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean, and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, Aphcakah, and Humtah, and Kirjath-arba (which is Hebron), and Zior ; nine cities with their villages. Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah ; ten cities with their villages. Halhul, Bethzur, and Gedor, and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon ; six cities with their villages. Kirjath-baal (which is Kirjath-jeirim), and Rabbah ; two cities with their villages. In the desert, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Lecacah, and Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and En-gedi ; six cities with their villages.

As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not dispossess them ; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAP. XVI.—Then came forth the lot of the children of Joseph : from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the desert that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el, and goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the boundary of Archi to Ataroth, and goeth down westward to the boundary of Japhleti, unto the boundary of Beth-horon the lower, and to Gezer ; and its extremities are at the sea. So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

And the boundary of the children of Ephraim, according to their families, was *thus* ; even the boundary of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper ; and the boundary went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side ; and the boundary wound about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah ; and it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and terminated at the Jordan. The boundary went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah ; and its termination was at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were

among the inheritance of the children of Manassch, all the cities with their villages.

And they dispossessed not the Canaanites that dwelt in 10 Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAP. XVII.—There was also a lot for the tribe of 1 Manassch (for *he was* the first-born of Joseph), for Machir the first-born of Manassch, the father of Gilead; because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. There 2 was also *a lot* for the rest of the children of Manassch according to their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manassch the son of Joseph, according to their families. But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of 3 Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manassch, had no sons, but daughters; and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before 4 Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, “Jehovah commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren.” Therefore, according to the commandment of Jehovah, he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. And there fell ten portions to Manassch, 5 beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan; because the daughters of Manas- 6 seh had an inheritance among his sons; and the rest of Manassch’s sons had the land of Gilead. Now the boundary 7 of Manassch was from Asher to Michmethah, which is opposite to Shechem; and the boundary went along on the south unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. (Manassch had 8 the land of Tappuah; but *the city of* Tappuah, on the boundary of Manassch, *belonged* to the children of Ephraim.) And the boundary went down to the river Kanah, south- 9 ward of the river: these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manassch: the boundary of Manassch also *was* on the north side of the river, and the extremities of it were at the sea. Southward *it was* Ephraim’s, and northward *it was* 10 Manassch’s, and the sea is his boundary; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east. And Manassch had in Issachar, and in Asher, Beth-shean 11

and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, three
 12 districts. But the children of Manasseh were not able to dispossess *the inhabitants of* those cities; but the Canaanites
 13 would dwell in that land. Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute; but they did not utterly dispossess them.
 14 And the children of Joseph spake to Joshua, saying, "Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as Jehovah
 15 hath blessed me hitherto?" And Joshua answered them, "If thou be a great people, go up to the wood *country*, and clear for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee."
 16 And the children of Joseph said, "The mountainous country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who
 17 *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel." And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, "Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one
 18 lot *only*: but the mountainous country shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt clear it: and the extremities of it shall be thine: for thou shalt dispossess the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong."

1 CHAP. XVIII.—And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there. And the land was subdued before
 2 them. Yet there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said to the children of Israel, "How long *are* ye slack to go to possess the land which Jehovah God of your
 4 fathers hath given you? Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise and go through the land, and describe it, according to their in-
 5 heritance; and they shall come *again* to me. And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall abide in their boundary on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their
 6 boundaries on the north. Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me,

that I may cast lots for you here before Jehovah our God. But the Levites have no part among you ; for the priesthood 7 of Jehovah is their inheritance ; and Gad, and Reuben, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave them." And the men arose, and went away ; 8 and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, " Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before Jehovah in Shiloh." And the men went, and passed through 9 the land, and described it by cities, into seven parts, in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the encampment at Shiloh. And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Jehovah ; 10 and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel, according to their divisions.

And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin 11 came up according to their families ; and the boundary of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. And their boundary, on the 12 north side, was from the Jordan : and the boundary went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward ; and the extremities thereof were at the desert of Beth-aven. And the boundary went 13 over from thence toward Luz to the side of Luz (which is Beth-el), southward ; and the boundary descended to Ataroth-addar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the lower Beth-horon. And the boundary was drawn *thence*, and 14 wound about the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward ; and the extremities thereof were at Kirjath-baal (which is Kirjath-jearim), a city of the children of Judah : this *was* the west quarter. And 15 the south quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim ; and the boundary went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah. And the boundary came down to the 16 end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusites on the south, and descended to En-rogel, and 17 was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over against the ascent of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, and passed along toward the side over 18 against Arabah northward, and went down unto Arabah.

19 And the boundary passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the extremities of the boundary were at the north tongue *of land* of the salt sea, at the south end of the
 20 Jordan: this *was* the southern boundary. And the Jordan was the boundary of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by its boundaries
 21 round about, according to their families. Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, according to their families, were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of
 23 Keziz, and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, and
 24 Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah, and Chephar-haammonai, and
 25 Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages. Gibeon,
 26 and Ramah, and Beeroth, and Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and
 28 Mozah, and Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, and Zelah, Eleph, and the Jebusites (which *is* Jerusalem), Gibeath, *and* Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, according to their families.

1 CHAP. XIX.—And the second lot came forth to Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families; and their inheritance was within the inheritance of
 2 the children of Judah. And they had in their inheritance,
 3 Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and
 5 Azem, and Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah, and Ziklag, and
 6 Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, and Beth-lebaoth, and
 7 Sharuhén; thirteen cities and their villages. Ain, Remmon,
 8 and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages, and all the villages that *were* round about these cities, to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.
 9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.
 10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun, according to their families: and the boundary of their in-
 11 heritance was unto Sarid: and their boundary went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and
 12 reached to the torrent that *is* before Jokneam; and turned from Sarid eastward, toward the sun-rising, unto the boundary of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and
 13 goeth up to Japhia, and from thence passeth on along on the

east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Rimmon, which extendeth to Neah: and the boundary compasseth it on the north side to Hannathon; and its extremities are in the valley of Jiphthah-el: and Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

And the fourth lot came forth to Issachar, for the children of Issachar according to their families. And their boundary was toward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, and Haphraim, and Shihon, and Anaharath, and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez, and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez. And the boundary reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-shemesh; and the extremities of their boundary were at Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar, according to their families, the cities and their villages.

And the fifth lot came forth for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. And their boundary was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, and Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal, and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-libnath, and turneth toward the sun rising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el, toward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand, and Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great Sidon; and then the boundary turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the boundary turneth to Hosah; and its extremities are at the sea, from the coast to Achzib: Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

The sixth lot came forth to the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families. And their boundary was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and its extremities were at Jordan; and then the boundary turneth westward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon the

35 Jordan toward the sun-rising. And the fenced cities *are*
 36 Ziddin, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinneroth, and
 37 Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, and Kedesh, and Edrei,
 38 and En-hazor, and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-
 anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.
 39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naph-
 tali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 *And* the seventh lot came forth for the tribe of the
 41 children of Dan according to their families. And the
 boundary of their inheritanee was Zorah, and Eshtaol,
 42 and Ir-shemesh, and Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,
 44 and Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron, and Eltekeh,
 45 and Gibbethon, and Baalath, and Jehud, and Bene-berak,
 46 and Gath-rimmon, and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the
 47 boundary before Japho. And the boundary of the children of
 Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went
 up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with
 the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein,
 and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their
 48 father. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children
 of Dan according to their families, these cities with their
 villages.

49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for
 inheritanee, according to their boundaries, the children of
 Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among
 50 them: according to the word of Jehovah, they gave him the
 city which he asked, *even* Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim;
 and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These *are* the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, and
 Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the
 tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by
 lot in Shiloh before Jehovah, at the door of the tent of meet-
 ing. So they made an end of dividing the land.

1 CHAP. XX.—Jehovah spake also to Joshua, saying,
 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘Appoint for your-
 selves cities of refuge, concerning which I spake to you by
 3 the hand of Moses; that the slayer that killeth *any* person
 unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither; and they shall
 4 be your refuge from the avenger of blood. And when
 he that fleeth unto one of those cities shall stand at
 the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his
 cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take

him into the city, unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them. And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, *and* until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city whence he fled.'” And they appointed Kadesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba (which is Hebron), in the mountainous country of Judah. And beyond Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the desert upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.—Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, “Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle.” And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of Jehovah, these cities and their suburbs. And the lot came forth for the families of the Kohathites; and the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, had by lot, out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simcon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half of the tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. And the children of Gershon had by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. The children of Merari, by their families, had, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe

8 of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children of Israel gave
by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as
9 Jehovah commanded by the hand of Moses. And they gave
out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the
tribe of the children of Simcon, these cities which are *here*
10 mentioned by name, which the children of Aaron, *being*
of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children
11 of Levi, had : for theirs was the first lot. And they gave
them the city of Arba, the father of Anak (which *city is*
Hebron), in the mountainous country of Judah, with the
12 suburbs thereof round about it. But the fields of the city,
and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of
13 Jephunneh for his possession. Thus they gave to the chil-
dren of Aaron the priest, Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a
city of refuge for the slayer ; and Libnah with her suburbs,
14 and Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,
15 and Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,
16 and Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs,
and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs ; nine cities out of those
17 two tribes. And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with
18 her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, Anathoth with her
19 suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs ; four cities. All the
cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen
20 cities with their suburbs. And the families of the children
of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of
Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe
21 of Ephraim. For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs
in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer ; and
22 Gezer with her suburbs, and Kibzaim with her suburbs, and
23 Bethhoron with her suburbs ; four cities. And out of the
tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her
24 suburbs, Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her
25 suburbs ; four cities. And out of the half of the tribe of Ma-
nasseh, Taanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her
26 suburbs ; two cities. All the cities *were* ten, with their sub-
urbs, for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.
27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the
Levites, out of the *other* half of the tribe of Manasseh, *they*
gave Golan in Bashan with her suburbs *to be* a city of refuge
for the slayer ; and Beesh-terah with her suburbs ; two cities.
28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs,
29 Dabareh with her suburbs, Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-
30 gannim with her suburbs ; four cities. And out of the

tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her 31 suburbs; four cities. And out of the tribe of Naphtali, 32 Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities. All the cities of the 33 Gershonites, according to their families, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest 34 of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, Dimnah with her 35 suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities. And out of 36 the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs, Kedemoth with her suburbs and Mephaath 37 with her suburbs; four cities. And out of the tribe of Gad, 38 Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, Heshbon 39 with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all. So all the cities for the children of Merari, by their families, 40 which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were, *by* their lot, twelve cities.

All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the 41 children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs. These cities were every one with their suburbs 42 round about them: thus *were* all these cities.

And Jehovah gave to Israel all the land which he sware to 43 give to their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. And Jehovah gave them rest round about, accord- 44 ing to all that he sware to their fathers; and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand. There failed not ought of 45 any good thing which Jehovah had spoken to the house of Israel; all came to pass.

CHAP. XXII.—Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and 1 the Gadites, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, and 2 said to them, "Ye have observed all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: ye have not left your brethren 3 these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of Jehovah your God.

And now Jehovah your God hath given rest to your 4 brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return, and go

to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave you on the other side of the
5 Jordan. But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of Jehovah charged you, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they
7 went to their tents. (Now, to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given *possession* in Bashan; but to the *other* half thereof Joshua gave *possession* among their brethren on this side of the Jordan westward.) And when Joshua sent them away also to their tents, then he blessed
8 them; and he spake to them, saying, "Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren."

9 Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, of which they were possessed, according to the word of Jehovah by the hand of Moses.

10 And when they came to the regions of the Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to behold.

11 And the children of Israel heard say, "Lo, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of the Jordan, at the passage of the
12 children of Israel." And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole assembly of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war

13 against them. And the children of Israel sent to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinchas, the son of Eleazar the priest; and with him ten princes, a prince of each chief house throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

14 And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the

children of Gad, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead; and they spake with them, saying, "Thus saith the whole congregation of Jehovah, 'What 16 transgression is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, by turning away this day from following Jehovah, by building for yourselves an altar, so as to rebel this day against Jehovah? Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, 17 from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of Jehovah, but that ye must 18 turn away this day from following Jehovah? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against Jehovah, that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. But, 19 if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of Jehovah, wherein the tabernacle of Jehovah dwelleth, and take possession among us; but rebel not against Jehovah, nor rebel against us, in building for yourselves an altar, besides the altar of Jehovah our God. Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a transgression in 20 respect of the devoted thing, so that wrath fell on all the assembly of Israel, and that man perished not alone in his iniquity?'" Then the children of Reuben, and the children 21 of Gad, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, answered and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel, "Jehovah, God 22 of gods, Jehovah, God of gods, he himself knoweth, and Israel he shall know, (save us not this day!) if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against Jehovah, that we have built us an 23 altar to turn from following Jehovah, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon: let Jehovah himself make inquisition; and if we have 24 not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, 'In time to come your children might say to our children, What have ye to do with Jehovah God of Israel? For Jehovah hath made 25 the Jordan a boundary between us and you; ye children of Reuben, and children of Gad, ye have no part in Jehovah: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing Jehovah. Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us 26 an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but *that it* 27 *may be* a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of Jehovah before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, 'Ye have no part in Jehovah.' Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say 28

to us, or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, ‘ Behold the pattern of the altar of Jehovah, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices ; but it ²⁹ is a witness between us and you.’ Far be it from us that we should rebel against Jehovah, and turn this day from following Jehovah, to build an altar for burnt-offerings, for meal-offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of Jehovah our God ³⁰ that is before his tabernacle.” And when Phinchas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thousands of Israel who *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh, ³¹ spake, it pleased them. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, “ This day we perceive that Jehovah is among us, because ye have not committed this transgression against Jehovah : now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand ³² of Jehovah.” And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them ³³ word again. And the thing pleased the children of Israel ; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did *no longer* think of going up against them in battle, to destroy the land ³⁴ wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt. And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, called the altar *Ed* [TESTIMONY] : “ Because it is a testimony between us that Jehovah is God.”

¹ CHAP. XXIII.—And it came to pass a long time after that Jehovah had given rest to the Israelites from all their enemies round about, that Joshua grew old *and* far advanced ² in age. And Joshua called for all the Israelites, for their elders, and for their chiefs, and for their judges, and for their ³ officers ; and said to them, “ I am become old *and* far advanced in age : and ye have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done unto all these nations because of you : for ⁴ Jehovah your God is he that hath fought for you. Lo, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, even to the great sea westward, and from all the nations that I have cut off. ⁵ And Jehovah your God, will himself expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight ; and ye

shall possess their land, as Jehovah your God hath promised you. Be ye therefore very courageous, to keep and to do ⁶ all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside from it to the right hand or to the left ; that ⁷ ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you ; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, nor serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them ; but cleave to Jehovah your God, as ye have done ⁸ unto this day. For Jehovah hath driven out from before ⁹ you great nations and strong : but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you to this day. One man of you ¹⁰ shall chase a thousand : for Jehovah your God, himself fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. Take good ¹¹ heed therefore to yourselves, that ye love Jehovah your God. Else if ye shall in any wise go baek, and cleave unto the ¹² remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you ; know assuredly that Jehovah your God ¹³ will no more drive out any of these nations from before you ; but they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land, which Jehovah your God hath given you. And, lo, this day I am going the way of all the earth ; ¹⁴ and ye know in all your hearts, and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which Jehovah your God spake concerning you ; all are come to pass unto you ; not one thing hath failed thereof. There- ¹⁵ fore, as all good things are come upon you, which Jehovah your God promised you ; so shall Jehovah bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which Jehovah your God hath given you. When ye have transgressed the covenant of Jehovah your ¹⁶ God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them ; then shall the anger of Jehovah be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given to you."

CHAP. XXIV.—And Joshua gathered all the tribes of ¹ Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their chiefs, and for their judges, and for their officers ; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua ² said to all the people, "Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel,

- ‘Your fathers dwelt from of old on the other side of the river, *even* Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of
3 Nachor; and they served other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and
4 gave him Isaac. And I gave to Isaac, Jacob and Esau; and I gave to Esau mount Seir, that he might possess it; but Jacob and his sons went down into Egypt.
- 5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in the midst of it: and afterward I
6 brought you out. And I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea.
- 7 And when they cried to Jehovah, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I did in Egypt.
- 8 And ye dwelt in the desert a long season; and I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side of the Jordan; and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and
9 I destroyed them from before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and
10 sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: but I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.
- 11 And ye went over the Jordan, and came to Jericho, and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I
12 delivered them into your hand. And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor
13 with thy bow. And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not, do ye eat.’ Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him
14 in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river, and in Egypt;
15 and serve ye Jehovah. And if it seem evil to you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served, who *were* on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land

ye dwell : but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah."

And the people answered and said, "Far be it from us ¹⁶ that we should forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods ; for ¹⁷ Jehovah our God, he it is who brought us up, and our fathers, out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed : and Jehovah drove out from ¹⁸ before us all the peoples, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land : Jehovah we will serve ; for he is our God."

And Joshua said to the people, "Ye cannot serve Jehovah, ¹⁹ for he is a holy God ; he is a jealous God ; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. When ye forsake ²⁰ Jehovah, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "Nay, Jehovah we will ²¹ serve." Then Joshua said to the people, "Ye are witnesses ²² against yourselves that ye have chosen you Jehovah, to serve him." And they said, "*We are witnesses.*" "Now there- ²³ fore put away," *said he*, "the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart to Jehovah God of Israel." And ²⁴ the people said to Joshua, "Jehovah our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey."

So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and ²⁵ appointed to them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of ²⁶ God. He then took a great stone, and set it up there under a terebinth tree, that was by the sanctuary of Jehovah. And Joshua said to all the people, "Lo, this stone shall be ²⁷ a testimony against us ; for it hath heard all the words of Jehovah which he spake unto us : it shall be therefore a testimony against you, lest ye deny your God." So Joshua ²⁸ let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the ²⁹ son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, *being* a hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the territory ³⁰ of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all ³¹ the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and who had known all the works of Jehovah, that he had done for Israel.

- 32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of silver; and it
33 became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. And Eleazar, the son of Aaron, died; and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which had been given to him in mount Ephraim.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

CHAP. I.—Now it came to pass after the death of ¹ Joshua, that the children of Israel enquired of Jehovah, saying, “Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?” And Jehovah said, “Judah shall ² go up: lo! I have delivered the land into his hand.” Then ³ Judah said to Simeon his brother, “Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot.” So Simeon went with him. And Judah went up; and Jehovah delivered the ⁴ Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. And they found ⁵ Adoni-bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. But Adoni- ⁶ bezek fled: and they pursued him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. And Adoni-bezek said, ⁷ “Three-score and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me.” And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and ⁸ took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. And afterwards the children of Judah went ⁹ down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountainous country, and in the south, and in the lowland. And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in ¹⁰ Hebron (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba), and they slew Sheshai, and Abiman, and Talmi. And ¹¹ thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir (now the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher): and Caleb said, ¹² “He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter for a wife.” And Othniel the son ¹³ of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, took it: and he gave

14 him Achsah his daughter for a wife. And when she came to him, she persuaded him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from her ass; and Caleb said unto her,
 15 "What wouldest thou?" And she said to him, "Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land, give me also springs of water." And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 Now the children of the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, went up out of the city of palm-trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is on the south of Arad: and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and they devoted it to destruction: (And the name of the city was called Hormah

18 [THE DEVOTED CITY].) Also Judah took Gaza with its boundary, and Askelon with its boundary, and Ekron with its

19 boundary. And Jehovah was with Judah, and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountainous country, but could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had

20 chariots of iron. And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak. And

the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children

22 of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day. And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and Jehovah was

23 with them. And the house of Joseph sent to explore Beth-el: (now the name of the city before was Luz.) And the

spies saw a man coming out of the city; and they said to him, "Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we

25 will deal kindly with thee." And he showed them the entrance into the city, and they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: that is its name unto

27 this day. And Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-sheam and its towns, nor of Taanach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns: for the Canaanite was content to dwell in

28 that land. And when the Israelites were strong, they put the Canaanites under tribute, and did not utterly drive them

29 out. And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among

them. Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of 30
 Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites
 dwelt among them, and became tributaries. Asher did 31
 not drive out the inhabitants of Aecho, nor the inhabitants
 of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor
 of Aphik, nor of Rehob; but the Asherites dwelt among 32
 the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not
 drive them out. Naphtali did not drive out the inhabit- 33
 ants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath;
 but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the
 land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and
 of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them. And the 34
 Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountainous
 country: for they would not suffer them to come down to the
 valley; but the Amorites were content to dwell in mount 35
 Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet the hand of the
 house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.
 And the boundary of the Amorites was from the going up to 36
 Akrabbim, from Selah, and upward.

CHAP. II.—And a messenger of Jehovah came up from 1
 Gilgal to Bochim, and said, “I brought you up out of Egypt,
 and have brought you into the land which I swore to your
 fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with
 you.’ But ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants 2
 of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: yet ye have
 not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore 3
 I also say, ‘I will not drive them out from before you; but
 they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be
 a snare unto you.’” And when the messenger of Jehovah 4
 spake these words to all the children of Israel, the people
 lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name 5
 of that place Bochim [WEeping]: and they sacrificed there
 to Jehovah.

Now when Joshua had let the people go, the children of 6
 Israel went every man to his inheritance to possess the land.
 And the people served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and 7
 all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen
 all the great works of Jehovah, that he did for Israel. And 8
 Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, *being* a
 hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the 9
 boundary of his inheritance in Timnath-serah in the mount of
 Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. And also all 10

that generation were gathered unto their fathers : and there arose another generation after them, which knew not Jehovah, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and served Baalim ; and forsook Jehovah God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples that were round about them, and bowed themselves down unto them, and provoked Jehovah to anger. And they forsook Jehovah, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the Israelites, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers who spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. Whithersoever they went out, the hand of Jehovah was against them for evil, as Jehovah had said, and as Jehovah had sworn to them : and they were greatly distressed. Nevertheless Jehovah raised up Judges, who delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken to their Judges, but they went astray after other gods, and bowed themselves down unto them : they turned quickly out of the way in which their fathers had walked, obeying the commandments of Jehovah ; *but* they did not so. And when Jehovah raised them up Judges, then Jehovah was with the Judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the Judge : for it repented Jehovah because of their groanings, by reason of those that oppressed them and vexed them. And when the Judge was dead, they returned and became more corrupt than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them : they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their perverse way. So the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the Israelites ; and he said, " Because this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened to my voice, I also will not henceforth drive out from before them any one of the nations which Joshua left when he died ; that through them I may prove the Israelites, whether they will keep the way of Jehovah, to walk therein, as their fathers kept it, or not." Therefore Jehovah left those nations, without driving them out hastily ; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

left, by which to prove *the Israelites*; (as many of *them* as had not known all the wars of Canaan; only that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;) *namely*, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Zidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. And by these the Israelites were to be proved, that it might be known whether they would hearken to the commandments of Jehovah, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. So the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. Thus the children of Israel did evil in the sight of Jehovah, and forgot Jehovah their God, and served Baalim and the *idols of the groves*. Therefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the Israelites, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. Then the children of Israel cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. And the spirit of Jehovah came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and Jehovah delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. And the land had rest forty years: and Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah: and Jehovah strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against the Israelites, because they had done evil in the sight of Jehovah. And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palm-trees. So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. But the children of Israel cried to Jehovah, and Jehovah raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjaminite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present to Eglon the king of Moab. Now Ehud had made him a dagger, which had two edges, of the length of a cubit: and he girded it under his raiment upon his right thigh. And he brought the present to Eglon king of Moab: (now

18 Eglon was a very fat man.) And when he had made an end
 of offering the present, he sent away the people that bare
 19 the present. But he himself turned again from the quarries
 that were near Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret errand to
 thee, O king:" who said, "Keep silence." And all that
 20 stood by him went out from him. Then Ehud came to him;
 and he was sitting in a summer chamber, which he had for
 himself, alone; and Ehud said, "I have a message from God
 21 to thee," and he arose out of *his* seat. And Ehud put forth
 his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and
 22 thrust it into his belly. And the haft also went in after the
 blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could
 not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.
 23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the
 24 doors of the chamber upon him, and fastened them. When
 he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw
 that, lo, the doors of the chamber were fastened, they said,
 25 "Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber." And
 they waited till they were ashamed; and lo, he opened not
 the doors of the chamber: therefore they took a key and
 opened them: and lo, their lord was fallen down dead
 26 on the ground. But Ehud had escaped while they were
 waiting, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto
 27 Seirath. And when he was come, he blew a trumpet in the
 mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down
 28 with him from the mountain, and he before them. And he
 said to them, "Follow me; for Jehovah hath delivered your
 enemies the Moabites into your hand." And they went
 down after him, and took possession of the fords of the
 Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.
 29 And they slew of the Moabites at that time about ten
 thousand men, all strong, and all men of valour; and not
 30 one escaped. So Moab was humbled that day under the
 hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.
 31 And after him was Shamgar, the son of Anath, who slew
 of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he
 also delivered Israel.

1 CHAP. IV.—And the children of Israel again did evil in
 2 the sight of Jehovah, when Ehud was dead. And Jehovah
 sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned
 in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, who dwelt
 3 in Harosheth of the Nations. And the children of Israel

cried to Jehovah : for he had nine hundred chariots of iron : and he grievously oppressed the children of Israel during twenty years. And Deborah a prophetess, the wife of Lapi-⁴ doth, judged Israel at that time. And she sat under the ⁵ palm-tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Beth-el in the mountain of Ephraim ; and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. And she sent and called Barak, the ⁶ son of Abinoam, out of Kedesh-Naphtali, and said to him, "Hath not Jehovah God of Israel commanded, *saying*, 'Go, and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun ; and I will draw unto thee, to the ⁷ torrent Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude ; and I will deliver him into thy hand ?'" And Barak said to her, "If thou wilt go ⁸ with me, then I will go ; but if thou wilt not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with thee : ⁹ yet the honour shall not be thine for the way that thou goest ; for Jehovah will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh ; and he ¹⁰ went up with ten thousand men following him : and Deborah went up with him. (Now Heber the Kenite, *who* was of the ¹¹ children of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent at the terebinth tree of Zaanain, which is by Kedesh.) And it ¹² was told to Sisera that Barak, the son of Abinoam, was gone up to mount Tabor. Then Sisera gathered together all his ¹³ chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Nations unto the torrent Kishon. And Deborah said to Barak, "Arise ; for ¹⁴ this is the day, in which Jehovah hath delivered Sisera into thy hand : is not Jehovah gone out before thee ?" So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. And Jehovah confounded Sisera, and all his ¹⁵ chariots, and all his host with the edge of the sword, before Barak ; so that Sisera alighted from his chariot, and fled on foot. But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the ¹⁶ host, unto Harosheth of the Nations : and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword ; not even one was left. But Sisera fled on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of ¹⁷ Heber the Kenite : for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. And ¹⁸

Jacl went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not:" and when he had turned in to her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. And he said to her, "Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty:" and she opened the bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. Again he said to her, "Stand in the door of the tent; and if any one should come and inquire of thee, and say, 'Is there any man here?' thou shalt say, No one." Then Jacl, the wife of Heber, took the tent-pin, and took the hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the pin into his temples, and fastened it into the ground; (for he was fast asleep, and weary:) so he died. And, lo, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jacl came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou art seeking." And when he came in to her tent, lo, Sisera lay dead, and the pin was in his temples. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and continued to prevail against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

1 CHAP. V.—Then sang Deborah and Barak, the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,

2 "For the chieftainship of the chiefs in Israel,
For the willing self-offering of the people,
Praise ye Jehovah!
3 Hear, ye kings; listen, ye princes:
I, *even* I, will sing to Jehovah;
I will sing with an instrument to Jehovah God of Israel.

4 O Jehovah, when thou wentest forth from Seir,
When thou marchedst forth from the field of Edom,
The earth trembled,
The heavens also dropped,
The clouds also dropped water.
5 The mountains melted at the presence of Jehovah,
This Sinai at the presence of Jehovah, God of Israel.

6 In the days of Shamgar son of Anath,
In the days of Jacl, deserted were the highways,
And travellers went through by-paths.

Rulers had ceased in Israel, they had ceased, 7
 Till I Deborah arose,
Till I arose, a mother in Israel.
 They had chosen for themselves new gods; 8
 Then was there war at the gates.
 Was a shield or a spear to be seen,
 Among forty thousand *men* in Israel?
 My heart is toward the leaders of Israel, 9
 Who offered themselves willingly among the people.
 Praise ye Jehovah!
 Ye who ride on dappled she-asses, 10
 Ye who sit on carpets,
 And ye who walk on the road, sing!
 Without the noise of archers at the watering places. 11
 There shall they acknowledge the righteous acts of Je-
 hovah,
 The righteous acts of his rulers in Israel.
 Then went down to the gates the people of Jehovah.

 Awake, awake, Deborah; 12
 Awake, awake, utter a song!
 Arise, Barak,
 And lead captive thy prisoners, son of Abinoam!

 Then came down a remnant against the powerful; 13
 The people of Jehovah came down to me against the
 mighty;
 From Ephraim whose root is in Amalek; 14
 After thee, Benjamin, among thy people.
 From Machir came down leaders,
 And from Zebulun they who hold the staff of the
 commander.
 The princes also of Issachar were with Deborah; 15
 And as Issachar, so Barak:
 He rushed into the valley on foot.
 At the brooks of Reuben great were the deliberations: 16
 Why didst thou abide within the sheepfolds,
 To listen to the bleatings of the flocks?
 At the brooks of Reuben great were the deliberations.
 Gilead abode beyond the Jordan: 17
 And Dan, why did he remain among the ships?
 Asher sat still on the sea-shore,
 And abode among his harbours.

18 Zebulun was the people that jeopardd its life unto the
death ;
And Naphtali in the high places of the field.

19 Kings came, they fought ;
Then fought the kings of Canaan,
At Taanach by the waters of Megiddo.
A fragment of silver they took not away.
20 From the heavens fought the stars,
From their courses they fought against Sisera.
21 The torrent Kishon carried them away ;
That torrent of ancient times, the torrent Kishon.

My soul, go on thy way with strength.

22 Then stamped the hoofs of the horses
In the wheelings, the wheelings of their mighty ones.
23 ' Curse ye Meroz,' saith the messenger of Jehovah,
' Bitterly curse ye its inhabitants ;
Because they came not to the aid of Jehovah,
To the aid of Jehovah among the mighty.'
24 Blessed above *all* women be Jael,
The wife of Heber the Kenite ;
Above *all* women dwelling in tents be she blessed.
Water he asked for, milk she gave ;
25 In a noble bowl she brought forth curdled milk.
She put forth her hand to the tent-pin,
26 And her right hand to the workman's hammer,
And she smote Sisera with the hammer ; she shattered
his head,
And she struck and pierced his temples.
27 Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down ;
Between her feet he bowed, he fell ;
Where he bowed he fell, struck dead.

28 Through a window looked forth the mother of Sisera,
And exclaimed through a lattice,
' Why delayeth his chariot to come ?
Why tarry the wheels of his chariots ?'
29 The wisest of her ladies answered her,
Yea, she returned answer to herself :
30 ' Have they not prevailed ? *Are they not* dividing the
spoil ;

A damsel, two damsels for every mighty man ?
 A spoil of various colours for Sisera,
 A spoil of various colours of embroidery,
 Of various colours, of double embroidery,
 For the neck of him who taketh the spoil.'

So perish all thy enemies, O Jehovah ! 31
 But may they who love him be as the going forth of the
 sun in his might!" And the land had rest forty years.

CHAP. VI.—And the children of Israel did evil in the sight 1
 of Jehovah ; and Jehovah delivered them into the hand of the
 Midianites seven years. And the hand of the Midianites pre- 2
 vailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites the chil-
 dren of Israel made for themselves the dens which are in the
 mountains, and caves, and strong holds. And *so* it was when 3
 the Israelites had sown, the Midianites came up, with the
 Amalekites, and the children of the east, even these came up
 against them ; and they encamped against them, and de- 4
 stroyed the produce of the land, till thou come unto Gaza ;
 and left no sustenance for the Israelites, neither sheep, nor
 oxen, nor asses. For they came up with their cattle, and 5
 their tents, and they came as locusts for multitude : both
 they and their camels were without number ; and they en-
 tered into the land to lay it waste. And the Israelites 6
 were greatly impoverished by the Midianites ; and the chil-
 dren of Israel cried to Jehovah. And when the children of 7
 Israel cried to Jehovah because of the Midianites, Jehovah s
 sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them,
 "Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel, 'I brought you up from
 Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage ;
 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and 9
 out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out
 from before you, and gave you their land : and I said to you, 10
 I am Jehovah your God : fear not the gods of the Amorites,
 in whose land ye dwell : but ye have not obeyed my voice.' "

And there came an angel of Jehovah, and sat under the 11
 terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, that belonged to Joash
 the Abi-ezrite : now Gideon his son was threshing wheat in
 the wine-press, to hide it from the Midianites. And the 12
 angel of Jehovah appeared to him, and said to him, "Jeho-
 vah is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." And Gideon 13
 said to him, "Oh, my Lord, if Jehovah be with us, why then

hath all this befallen us? and where are all his wonders which our fathers told us of, saying, 'Did not Jehovah bring us up from Egypt?' but now Jehovah hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

14 And Jehovah looked upon him, and said, "Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?" And he said unto him, "Oh, my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? Lo, my family is the poorest in Manassch, and I am the least in my father's house." And Jehovah said to him, "Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one mau." And he said to him, "If now I have found favour in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me.

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come to thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee." And he said, "I will tarry until thou come again." And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to him under the terebinth tree, and presented it. And the angel of God said to him, "Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. Then the angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and fire rose up out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of Jehovah departed out of his sight. And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of Jehovah, Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord Jehovah! because I have seen an angel of Jehovah face to face." And Jehovah said to him, "Peace be to thee; fear not: thou shalt not die." Then Gideon built an altar there to Jehovah, and called it Jehovah-shalom [JEHOVAH IS PEACE]: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites. And the same night Jehovah said to him, "Take thy father's young bullock, and a second bullock seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it; and build an altar to Jehovah thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered manner, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down." Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as Jehovah had said to him: but because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, he could not do it by day, so he did it

by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, lo, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. And they said one to another, "Who hath done this thing?" And when they inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing." Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out thy son, that he may die; because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was by it." And Joash said to all that stood before him, "Will ye contend for Baal? will ye save him? he that will contend for him, let him be put to death whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him contend for himself, because he hath cast down his altar." Therefore on that day he was called Jerubbaal [LET BAAL CONTEND], when it was said, "Let Baal contend against him, because he hath thrown down his altar."

Then all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, were gathered together, and went over, and encamped in the valley of Jezreel. But the Spirit of Jehovah came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and the Abi-ezrites mustered after him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manassah, who also mustered after him; and he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zebulun, and to Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. Now Gideon had said to God, "If thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as thou hast said, lo, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the ground *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as thou hast said." And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl-full of water. And Gideon said to God, "Let not thy anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once. Let me try, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew." And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.—Then Jerubbaal (who is Gideon), and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and encamped beside the well of Harod: and the host of the Midianites

were on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the
2 valley. And Jehovah said to Gideon, "The people that are
with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into
their hands, lest the Israelites vaunt themselves against me,
3 saying, 'My own hand hath saved me.' Now, therefore, pro-
claim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whosoever is fearful
and trembling, let him return, and depart early from mount
Gilead.'" And there returned of the people twenty and
4 two thousand, and there remained ten thousand. And Je-
hovah said to Gideon, "The people are yet *too* many; bring
them down to the water, and I will prove them for thee
there: and it shall be, that of whom I shall say to thee,
'This shall go with thee,' he shall go with thee; and of
whomsoever I say to thee, 'This shall not go with thee,' he
5 shall not go." So he brought down the people to the water:
and Jehovah said to Gideon, "Every one that lappeth of the
water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set
by himself; and every one that boweth down upon his knees
6 to drink." And the number of them that lapped, with their
hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the
rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink
7 water. And Jehovah said to Gideon, "By the three hun-
dred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midian-
ites into thy hand; and let all the *other* people go each
man to his own place."

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trum-
pets; and he sent all *the rest of* the Israelites each man to
his tent, and retained those three hundred men. And the host
9 of Midian was below him in the valley. And the same night,
Jehovah said to him, "Arise, go down into the camp; for I
10 have delivered it into thy hand. But if thou fear to go
down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the camp,
11 and thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall
thy hands be strengthened to go down to the camp." So he
went down with Phurah his servant to the outermost of the
12 armed men that were in the camp. And the Midianites,
and the Amalekites, and all the children of the east, lay along
in the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels
were without number, as the sand by the sea-side for multi-
13 tude. And when Gideon was come, lo, a man was telling a
dream to his companion, and he said, "Lo, I dreamed a
dream, and, lo, a cake of barley-bread rolled through the
camp of the Midianites, and came to the tent, and struck it

so that it fell, and overturned it, so that the tent lay along." And his companion answered and said, "This is nothing 14 else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: into his hand hath God delivered the Midianites, and all the camp." And when Gideon heard the telling of 15 the dream, and the interpretation thereof, he bowed himself down, and returned into the camp of the Israelites, and said, "Arise, for Jehovah hath delivered into your hand the camp of the Midianites." And he divided the three hundred 16 men into three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches within the pitchers; and he said to them, "Look on me, and do like- 17 wise: and, lo, when I come to the outside of the camp, as I do, so do ye. When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that 18 are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, 'For Jehovah, and for Gideon.'"

So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, 19 came to the outside of the camp, in the beginning of the middle watch; (for they had but newly set the watch :) and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, 20 and brake the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow with; and they cried, "The sword of Jehovah and of Gideon." And they stood every man in his place round about the 21 camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and Jehovah 22 set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout the whole camp: and the host fled to Beth-shaithah in Zererath, and to the border of Abel-meholah, at Tabbath. Then the men of Israel gathered themselves 23 together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites. And Gideon sent 24 messengers throughout all Mount Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites, and take possession before them of the waters unto Beth-barah and the Jordan." Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took possession of the waters unto Beth-barah and the Jordan. And they took two princes of the Midianites, 25 Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine-press of Zeeb, and pursued the Midianites, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

1 CHAP. VIII.—And the men of Ephraim said to him, “What is this which thou hast done to us, that thou calledst us not when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites?” And
2 they rebuked him sharply. And he said to them, “What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the glean-
ing of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of
3 Abi-ezer? God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what have I been able to do in comparison of you?” Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 And Gideon came to the Jordan, *and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet
5 pursuing. And he said to the men of Succoth, “Give, I pray you, loaves of bread to the people that follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and
6 Zalmunna, kings of Midian.” But the princes of Succoth said, “Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy
7 hand, that we should give bread to thy army?” And Gideon said, “Therefore, when Jehovah shall have delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the desert and with briers.”

8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake to them in the same manner: and the men of Penuel answered him as
9 the men of Succoth had answered. And he spake also to the men of Penuel, saying, “When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.”

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of the entire hosts of the children of the east: for there had fallen one hundred and twenty thousand men that drew
11 the sword. And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host; for the host thought themselves secure.

12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna,
13 and discomfited all the host. And Gideon, the son of Joash, returned from battle, from the ascent of Heres, and he caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he wrote down for him the princes of Succoth,
15 and its elders, threescore and seventeen men. And he came to the men of Succoth, and said, “Lo, Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom ye did upbraid me, saying, ‘Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy hand,

that we should give bread to thy men who are weary?" And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the desert 16 and briers, and with them he chastised the men of Succoth. And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men 17 of the city. Then said he to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What 18 sort of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor?" And they answered, "As thou art, so were they; each of them resembled the children of a king." And he said, "They 19 were my brethren, the sons of my mother: *as* Jehovah liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you." And he said to Jether his first-born son, "Rise up, slay 20 them:" but the youth drew not his sword; for he was afraid, because he was yet a youth. Then Zebah and Zal- 21 munna said, "Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength." And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule thou over us, 22 both thou and thy son, and thy son's son also; since thou hast delivered us from the hand of the Midianites." But 23 Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: Jehovah shall rule over you." And 24 Gideon said to them, "I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the ear-rings of his booty:" (for they had golden ear-rings, because they were Ishmaelites.) And they answered, "We will willingly give them." And 25 they spread a garment, and cast therein every man the ear-rings of his booty. And the weight of the golden ear- 26 rings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks. And Gideon 27 made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, in Ophrah; and all Israel went astray thither after it: and it was a snare to Gideon, and to his house. Thus were the Midianites sub- 28 dued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

And Jerubbaal, the son of Joash, went and dwelt in his 29 own house. And Gideon had seventy sons who came from 30 his loins; for he had many wives. And his concubine also, 31 who was in Shechem, bore to him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. And Gideon, the son of Joash, died in 32

a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went astray after Baalim,
34 and made Baal-berith their god. And the children of Israel remembered not Jehovah their God, who had delivered them
35 out of the hands of all their enemies on every side : neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed to Israel.

1 CHAP. IX.—And Abimelech, the son of Jerubbaal, went to Shechem to his mother's brethren, and spoke with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father,
2 saying, "Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you?' remember also that I am your bone and
3 your flesh." And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words : and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech ; for they said,
4 "He is our brother." And they gave him seventy *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith ; with which Abimelech hired vain and light persons, who followed him. And he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren, the son of Jerubbaal, *being* seventy persons, upon one stone : but Jotham, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, remained ; for he had hidden himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went and made Abimelech king, by the terebinth tree by the pillar that was near Shechem.
7 And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said to them, "Hearken to me, ye men of Shechem, that
8 God may hearken to you. The trees went forth to anoint a king over them : and they said to the olive-tree, 'Reign thou over us.' But the olive-tree said to them, 'Shall I forego my richness, wherewith by me they honour God
9 and man, and go to bear sway over the trees?' Then the trees said to the fig-tree, 'Come thou *and* reign over us.'
11 But the fig-tree said to them, 'Shall I forego my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to bear sway over the trees?'
12 Then said the trees to the vine, 'Come thou, *and* reign

over us.' And the vine said to them, 'Shall I forego my 13
wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to bear sway
over the trees?' Then said all the trees to the bramble, 14
'Come thou, *and* reign over us.' And the bramble said to 15
the trees, 'If in truth ye anoint me king over you, come
and put your trust in my shade; but if not, fire shall come
out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'
Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely in that 16
ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well to-
ward Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him accord-
ing to the deserving of his hands; (for my father fought 17
for you, and adventured his life without reserve, and delivered
you out of the hand of the Midianites; and ye are risen up 18
against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons,
seventy persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech,
the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem,
because he *is* your brother;) if then ye have dealt truly and 19
sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then*
rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you;
but if not, fire shall come out from Abimelech, and devour 20
the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and fire shall
come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of
Millo, and devour Abimelech." Then Jotham fled speedily, 21
and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech
his brother.

When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, 22
then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men 23
of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously
with Abimelech; that the violence *done* to the seventy sons 24
of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon
Abimelech their brother, who slew them; and upon the men
of Shechem, who had aided him in the killing of his
brethren. So the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him 25
on the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came
along that way by them; and it was told Abimelech. And 26
Gaal, the son of Ebed, came with his brethren, and went
over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confi-
dence in him. And they went out into the fields, and 27
gathered their vineyards, and trod out *the grapes*, and made
merry, and went into the house of their god, and ate and
drank, and cursed Abimelech. And Gaal, the son of Ebed, 28
said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we
should serve him? Is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and

Zebul his officer? Serve ye the men of Hamor, the father
29 of Shechem; for why should we serve him? And oh that
this people were under my hand! then would I remove
Abimelech." And he said to Abimelech, "Increase thy
30 army, and come out." And when Zebul, the ruler of the
city, heard the words of Gaal, the son of Ebed, his anger
31 was kindled. And he sent messengers to Abimelech,
secretly, saying, "Lo, Gaal the son of Ebed, and his
brethren, are come to Shechem; and, lo, they are fortifying
32 the city against thee. Now, therefore, rise up by night,
thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the
33 field: and in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou
shalt rise early and attack the city: and, lo, *when* he
and the people that is with him come out against thee, then
34 mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion." And
Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him,
by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four com-
35 panies. And Gaal, the son of Ebed, went out and stood in
the entering of the gate of the city; and Abimelech rose
up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait.
36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Lo,
people are coming down from the top of the mountains."
And Zebul said to him, "Thou seest the shadow of the
37 mountains as *if they were* men." But Gaal spake again, and
said, "Lo, people are coming down from the summit of the
land, and another company is coming by the terebinth tree
38 of Meonenim." Then said Zebul to him, "Where is now
thy mouth, with the speech which thou saidst, 'Who is Abime-
lech, that we should serve him?' Is not this the people that
thou hast despised? go out, I pray *thee* now, and fight with
39 them." And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem,
40 and fought with Abimelech. And Abimelech pursued him,
and he fled before him; and many fell slain, unto the entering
41 of the gate. And Abimelech remained at Arumah: and
Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should
42 not dwell in Shechem. But on the morrow the people went
43 out into the field; and it was told to Abimelech. And he
took the people, and divided them into three companies, and
laid wait in the field, and looked, and, lo, the people were
come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and
44 smote them. And Abimelech, and the company that was
with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the
gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all

who were in the fields and slew them. And Abimelech ⁴⁵ fought against the city all that day: and he took the city, and slew the people that were therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard ⁴⁶ that, they entered into a hold of the house of the god Berith. And it was told to Abimelech that all the men of the tower ⁴⁷ of Shechem were gathered together. And Abimelech went ⁴⁸ up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said to the people that were with him, "What ye have seen me do, make haste, do as I *have done*." And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, ⁴⁹ and followed Abimelech, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against ⁵⁰ Thebez, and took it. But there was a strong tower within ⁵¹ the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all those of the city, and shut it upon themselves, and went up to the top of the tower. And Abimelech came to the tower ⁵² and fought against it, and went near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman cast a ⁵³ piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and shattered his scull. Then he called hastily to the young man his ⁵⁴ armour-bearer, and said to him, "Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, 'A woman slew him.'" And his young man thrust him through, and he died. And when ⁵⁵ the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man to his place. Thus God requited the ⁵⁶ wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father, in slaying his seventy brethren; and all the wickedness of ⁵⁷ the men of Shechem did God requite upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

CHAP. X.—And after Abimelech there arose, to defend 1 Israel, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim. And he judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was 2 buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Jair a Gileadite, and judged Israel
4 twenty-two years. And he had thirty sons that rode on
thirty young asses, and they had thirty cities, which are
called Havoth-jair [THE VILLAGES OF JAIR] unto this day,
5 which *are* in the land of Gilead. And Jair died, and was
buried in Camon.

6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of
Jehovah, and served Baalim, and Ashtarothe, and the gods of
Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and
the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the
7 Philistines, and forsook Jehovah, and served not him. And
the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he sold
them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of
8 the children of Ammon. And that year they vexed and
oppressed the children of Israel; eighteen years *they vexed* all
the children of Israel that were beyond the Jordan, in the land
9 of the Amorites, which is in Gilead; moreover, the children
of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah,
and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim;
10 so that Israel was greatly distressed. And the children of
Israel cried to Jehovah, saying, "We have sinned against
thee, because we have forsaken our God, and also served
11 Baalim." And Jehovah said to the children of Israel, "Did
not I *deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites,
from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?
12 The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites,
oppressed you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out
13 of their hand. Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other
14 gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry
to the gods whom ye have chosen; let them deliver you in
15 the time of your distress." And the children of Israel said
to Jehovah, "We have sinned; do thou unto us whatsoever
seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this
16 day." And they put away the strange gods from among
them, and served Jehovah; and his soul was grieved for the
misery of Israel.

17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together,
and encamped in Gilead; and the children of Israel assembled
18 themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh. And the
people and princes of Gilead said one to another, "Who is
the man that will begin to fight against the children of
Ammon? he shall be chief over all the inhabitants of
Gilead."

CHAP. XI.—Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty 1 man of valour, and he *was* the son of a harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and 2 when his wife's sons were grown up, they thrust out Jephthah, and said to him, "Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman." So 3 Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and there were gathered idle men to Jephthah, and went out with him. And in process of time, the children of 4 Ammon made war against the Israelites. And when the 5 children of Ammon made war against the Israelites, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob; and they said to Jephthah, "Come, and be our captain, 6 that we may fight with the children of Ammon." And 7 Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Did ye not hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come to me now when ye are in distress?" And the elders 8 of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Therefore we turn to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our chief over all the inhabitants of Gilead." And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If 9 ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and Jehovah deliver them before me, shall I be your chief?" And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Je- 10 hovah be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words." Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, 11 and the people made him chief and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before Jehovah in Mizpeh.

And Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the children 12 of Ammon, saying, "What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?" And the king 13 of the children of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, "Because the Israelites took away my lands when they came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and unto the Jordan: now, therefore, restore those 14 *lands* again peaceably." And Jephthah sent messengers again 15 to the king of the children of Ammon, and said to him, "Thus saith Jephthah, the Israelites took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: but 16 when the Israelites came up from Egypt, and walked through the desert unto the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh; then 17 the Israelites sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Let us, we pray thee, pass through thy land:' but the

king of Edom would not hearken *to them*. And they sent also to the king of Moab; but he would not *hearken to them*:
18 so the Israelites abode in Kadesh. Then they went along through the desert, and compassed the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon, but came not within the boundary of Moab: for the Arnon *was*
19 the boundary of Moab. And the Israelites sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and the Israelites said to him, 'Let us pass, we pray thee,
20 through thy land unto our own place.' But Sihon would not trust the Israelites to pass through his coast; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jahaz, and
21 fought against the Israelites. And Jehovah, God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of the Israelites, and they smote them: so the Israelites took possession of all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of
22 that country. And they took possession of all the boundaries of the Amorites, from the Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and
23 from the desert even unto the Jordan. So now Jehovah God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people the Israelites, and shouldest thou take possession
24 of it? Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god hath given thee to possess? So whomsoever Jehovah our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.
25 And now, art thou anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against the
26 Israelites, or did he ever fight against them, while the Israelites dwelt in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not
27 recover them within that time? Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: Jehovah the Judge be judge this day between the chil-
28 dren of Israel and the children of Ammon." However the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not to the words of Jephthah which he sent to him.
29 Then the spirit of Jehovah came upon Jephthah; and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and he passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto*
30 the children of Ammon. And Jephthah vowed a vow to Jehovah, and said, "If thou shalt without fail deliver the
31 children of Ammon into my hands, then whatsoever cometh

forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be Jehovah's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering." So ³² Jephthah passed over to the children of Ammon, to fight against them; and Jehovah delivered them into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to ³³ Minnith, to the entrance of twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were humbled before the children of Israel.

And Jephthah came to Mizpeh to his house, and, lo, his ³⁴ daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances; and she was his only child: beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And when he saw her, he rent ³⁵ his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth to Jehovah, and I cannot go back." And she said to him, "My father, hast thou ³⁶ opened thy mouth to Jehovah? Do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; since Jehovah hath taken vengeance for thee of thy enemies, the children of Ammon." And she said to her father, "Let this thing ³⁷ be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my companions." And he said, "Go." And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her ³⁸ companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. And at the end of two months, she returned to her father, ³⁹ who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed; and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, for ⁴⁰ the daughters of Israel to go yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

CHAP. XII.—And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and passed over *the Jordan* northward, and said to Jephthah, "Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thy house over thee with fire." And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people were at great ² strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. And when I saw ³ that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and Jehovah

delivered them into my hand. Wherefore then are ye come up to me this day to fight against me?" Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with the Ephraimites: and the men of Gilead smote the Ephraimites, because they said, "Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites." And the Gileadites took possession of the fords of the Jordan before the Ephraimites; and when any one of those Ephraimites who had escaped, said, "Let me go over," the men of Gilead said to him, "Art thou an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No;" then said they to him, "Say now Shibboleth;" and he said "Sibboleth:" for he could not rightly pronounce it. Then they took him, and slew him at the fords of Jordan; and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty-two thousand.

And Jephthah judged Israel six years: then Jephthah the Gileadite died, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead. And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad; and he brought thirty daughters from abroad for his sons; and he judged Israel seven years. Then Ibzan died and was buried at Beth-lehem.

And after him Elon a Zebulonite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon, in the country of Zebulun.

And after him Abdon, the son of Hillel a Pirathonite, judged Israel. And he had forty sons, and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young asses; and he judged Israel eight years. And Abdon, the son of Hillel the Pirathonite, died, and was buried in Pirathon, in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.—And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of Jehovah; and Jehovah delivered them into the hand of the Philistines, forty years. Now there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. And the angel of Jehovah appeared to the woman and said to her, "Lo, now, thou art barren, and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any *thing* unclean: for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head; for

the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb ; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.” Then the woman came, and told her husband, saying, “ A man of God came to me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible ; but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name. But he said to me, ‘ Lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son ; 7 and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any *thing* unclean : for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’ ” Then Manoah 8 treated Jehovah, and said, “ O my Lord, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again to us, and teach us what we shall do to the child that shall be born.” And God 9 hearkened to the voice of Manoah ; and the angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field ; but Manoah her husband was not with her. And the woman 10 ran in haste, and told her husband, and said to him, “ Lo, the man hath appeared to me, who came to me the *other* day.” So Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, 11 and said to him, “ *Art* thou the man that spakest to the woman ? ” And he said, “ I am.” And Manoah said, “ Now 12 when thy words shall have come to pass, what shall be the training of the child, and what shall he do ? ” And the 13 angel of Jehovah said to Manoah, “ Of all that I said to the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any *thing* 14 that cometh of the vine, neither may she drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any *thing* unclean : all that I commanded her she must observe.” And Manoah said to the 15 angel of Jehovah, “ I pray thee, let us detain thee until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.” And the angel 16 of Jehovah said to Manoah, “ Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread ; but if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou must offer it to Jehovah.” Now Manoah knew not that it was an angel of Jehovah. And Ma- 17 noah said to the angel of Jehovah, “ What is thy name, that, when thy sayings come to pass, we may do thee honour ? ” And the angel of Jehovah said to him, “ Why 18 askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret ? ” So 19 Manoah took a kid, with a meal-offering, and offered it upon a rock to Jehovah : and a wondrous thing was done, while Manoah and his wife were looking on. For when the flame 20 went up towards heaven from off the altar, the angel of Jehovah ascended in the flame of the altar ; and Manoah and

his wife were looking on, and they fell on their faces to
21 the ground. When the angel of Jehovah no more appeared
to Manoah and to his wife, then Manoah knew that he was
22 an angel of Jehovah. And Manoah said to his wife, "We
23 shall surely die, because we have seen God." But his wife
said to him, "If Jehovah had desired to kill us, he would
not have received a burnt-offering and a meal-offering at our
hands; neither would he have showed us all these things,
nor would he, in that case, have told us *such things* as these."
24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson;
25 and the child grew, and Jehovah blessed him. And the Spirit
of Jehovah began to move him at times in the camp of Dan,
between Zorah and Eshtaol.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And Samson went down to Timnath, and
saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.
2 And he came up and told his father and his mother, and said,
"I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the
3 Philistines; now, therefore, get her for me to wife." Then
his father and his mother said unto him, "Is there no wo-
man among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my
people, that thou wouldst go to take a wife of the uncircum-
cised Philistines?" And Samson said to his father, "Get
4 her for me; for she pleaseth me well." But his father and
his mother knew not that it was of Jehovah that he sought
an occasion against the Philistines; for at that time the Philis-
5 tines had dominion over the Israelites. Then went Samson
down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came
to the vineyards of Timnath; and, lo, a young lion roared
6 against him. And the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily
upon him, and he rent him, as he would have rent a kid,
though he had nothing in his hand; but he told not his
7 father or his mother what he had done. And he went down,
and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.
8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside
to see the remains of the lion; and, lo, there was a swarm of
9 bees and honey in the remains of the lion. And he took of
it in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father
and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat; but he
told them not that he had taken the honey out of the re-
10 mains of the lion. So his father went down to the woman;
and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men
11 to do. And when they saw him they brought thirty com-

panions to be with him. And Samson said to them, "I¹² will now put forth a riddle to you: if you can certainly expound it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty vests of fine linen, and thirty changes of garments: but if ye cannot expound it¹³ to me, then ye shall give me thirty vests of fine linen, and thirty changes of garments." And they said to him, "Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it." And he said to them,¹⁴ "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." And they could not in three days expound the riddle. And on the seventh day, they said to¹⁵ Samson's wife, "Entice thy husband, that he may expound unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye invited us to make us poor? Is it not so?" And Samson's wife wept before him, and said,¹⁶ "Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle to the children of my people, and hast not told it to me." And he said to her, "Lo, I have not told *it* to my father nor to my mother, and shall I tell *it* to thee?" And she wept before him the seven days that the feast¹⁷ lasted; and on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him earnestly; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. And the men of the city said to him¹⁸ on the seventh day, before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion?" And he said to them, "If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle." And the Spirit of¹⁹ Jehovah came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave changes of garments to those who had expounded the riddle: and his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. But Samson's wife was *given* to his companion,²⁰ whom he had made his friend.

CHAP. XV.—And some time after, in the days of wheat¹ harvest, Samson visited his wife, with a kid; and he said, "Let me go in to my wife into the chamber:" but her father would not suffer him to go in. And her father said,² "I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion. Is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her." And Samson said concerning them, "Now shall I be more³ blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a mischief."

4 So Samson went and caught three hundred jackalls, and took
fire-brands, and turned *them* tail to tail, and put a fire-brand
5 in the midst between two tails. And when he had set the
brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of
the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and also
6 the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives. Then
the Philistines said, "Who hath done this?" And they
answered, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because
he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion." And
the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with
7 fire. And Samson said to them, "Since ye have done this,
8 I will be avenged of you; and after that I will cease." And
he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter.

Then he went down and dwelt in a cavern of the rock Etam.
9 And the Philistines went up, and encamped in Judah, and
10 spread themselves in Lehi. And the men of Judah said,
"Why are ye come up against us?" And they answered,
"To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath
11 done to us." Then three thousand men of Judah went to
the cavern of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, "Knowest
thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this
that thou hast done to us?" And he said to them, "As
12 they did to me, so have I done to them." And they said to
him, "We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver
thee into the hands of the Philistines." And Samson said
to them, "Swear to me, that ye will not fall upon me your-
13 selves." And they spake to him, saying, "No; but we will
bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand; but as-
suredly we will not kill thee." And they bound him with
14 two new cords, and brought him up from the rock. When
he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted on meeting him;
and the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon him; and the
cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt
15 with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. And
he found a fresh jaw-bone of an ass, and he put forth his
16 hand and took it, and with it he slew a thousand men. Then
Samson said,

"With the jaw-bone of an ass, heaps upon heaps,

With the jaw-bone of an ass have I slain a thousand men."

17 And when he had made an end of speaking, he cast away
the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place Ra-
18 math-Lehi [THE HILL OF THE JAW-BONE]. And he was
very thirsty, and called on Jehovah, and said, "Thou hast

given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" But God clave the hollow place in Lehi, 19 and there came out of it water; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called its name En-hakkore [THE FOUNTAIN OF THE INVOKER], which is in Lehi unto this day. And he judged Israel, in the 20 days of the Philistines, twenty years.

CHAP. XVI.—Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw 1 there a harlot, and went in to her. *And it was told* the Ga- 2 zites, saying, "Samson is come hither." And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city; and kept themselves quiet all the night, saying, "In the morning, when it is day, we will kill him." And 3 Samson lay till midnight; but at midnight he arose, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and pulled them up with the bar, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that is opposite to Hebron.

And it came to pass after this, that he loved a woman in 4 the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the 5 lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, "Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him so as to weaken him; and we will give thee, every one of us, eleven hundred *pieces* of silver." And Delilah said 6 to Samson, "Tell me, I pray thee, in what thy great strength lieth, and with what thou mightest be bound so as to weaken thee." And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with 7 seven green willow-twigs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as a *common* man." Then the lords of the 8 Philistines brought up to her seven green willow-twigs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. (Now 9 *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber.) And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson." And he brake the willow-twigs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire: so his strength was not known. Then Delilah said to Samson, "Lo, thou 10 hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, with what thou mightest be bound." And he said to 11 her, "If they bind me fast with new ropes that have never been used, then shall I be weak, and be as a *common* man."

- 12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him with them, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson." (Now there were men lying in wait abiding in the chamber.)
- 13 And he brake them from off his arms like a thread. And Delilah said to Samson, "Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me with what thou mightest be bound." And he said to her, "If thou weave the seven locks of my
- 14 head with the web." And she fastened them with the pin, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson." And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin
- 15 of the beam, and with the web. And she said to him, "How canst thou say, I love thee, when thy heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast
- 16 not told me in what thy great strength *lieth*." And when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that
- 17 his soul was vexed unto death, he told her all his mind, and said to her, "There hath not come a razor upon my head; for I *have been* a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I
- 18 shall become weak, and be like all *other* men." And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his mind, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more; for he hath told me all his mind." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought money
- 19 in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to weaken him, and his
- 20 strength went from him. And she said, "The Philistines are upon thee, Samson." And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, "I will go forth as at former times, and shake myself." For he knew not that Jehovah had departed from
- 21 him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house.
- 22 And the hair of his head began to grow again after he
- 23 was shaven. Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, "Our god hath delivered Sam-
- 24 son our enemy into our hand." And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said, "Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of
- 25 our country, who slew many of us." And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call for Samson, that he may make

us sport." And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made them sport; and they set him between the pillars. And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Suffer me to feel the pillars on which the house standeth, that I may lean upon them." Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there: and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, who were looking on while Samson made sport. And Samson called to Jehovah, and said, "O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." Then Samson took hold of the two middle pillars on which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein: so the dead whom he slew at his death were more than those whom he had slain in his life. Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol, in the burying-place of Manoah his father. Now he had judged Israel twenty years.

CHAP. XVII.—And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou didst utter imprecations, and spakest also in my hearing, lo, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be thou of Jehovah, my son." And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, "I had wholly dedicated the silver to Jehovah, from my hand, for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image; now, therefore, I will return it to thee." But he gave back the money to his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image; and they were in the house of Micah. And the man Micah had a house of God, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons to be his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes. Now

there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, who had sojourned there.
 8 And the man departed from the city, from Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn where he could find *a place*; and as he journeyed
 9 he came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah. And Micah said to him, "Whence comest thou?" And he said to him, "I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I am
 10 going to sojourn where I may find a place." And Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals." So the Levite went in.
 11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the
 12 young man was to him as one of his sons. And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his
 13 priest, and was in the house of Micah. Then said Micah, "Now I know that Jehovah will do me good, since I have a Levite for a priest."

1 CHAP. XVIII.—In those days there was no king in Israel; and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought for themselves an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day an inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of Israel.
 2 So the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their territory, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said to them, "Go, search the land; and they came to mount Ephraim, by
 3 the house of Micah, and they lodged there. When they were near the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned in thither, and said to him, "Who brought thee hither? and what art thou doing
 4 in this *place*? and what hast thou here?" And he said to them, "Thus and thus Micah dealeth with me, and he hath hired me, and I am his priest." And they said to him,
 5 "Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous." And
 6 the priest said to them, "Go in peace: before Jehovah is your way in which ye are going."

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, that they dwelt securely after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no one that possessed control in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing: and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no dispute with *any* man.

And they came to their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol ; 8
and their brethren said to them, "What have ye *to say* ?" And they said, "Arise, and let us go up against them ; for 9
we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good : and *are* ye still ? Be not slothful to go, to enter to possess the land. When ye go, ye will come to a people secure, and to 10
a large land ; for God hath given it into your hands ; a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth." And there went thence of the family of the Danites, out of 11
Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men furnished with weapons of war. And they went up, and encamped in Kir- 12
jath-jearim, in Judah ; wherefore they called that place Mahanach-Dan [THE CAMP OF DAN], to this day : lo, it is behind Kirjath-jearim. And they passed thence to mount 13
Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah. Then the five 14
men that went to spy out the country of Laish began to speak, and said to their brethren, "Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image ? Now, therefore, consider what ye have to do." And they turned thither, and came to the 15
house of the young man the Levite, to the house of Micah, and saluted him. And the six hundred men furnished with 16
their weapons of war, who *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. And the five men that 17
went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image ; and the priest stood at the entrance of the gate, with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war. And these went into Micah's house, and 18
fetch'd the graven image, the ephod, and teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, "What are ye doing ?" And they said to him, "Be silent ; lay thy 19
hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest : is it better for thee to be a priest to the house of one man, or to be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel ?" And the priest's heart was glad ; and he took the 20
ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. So they turned and departed, and 21
put the little ones, and the cattle, and the carriage, before them. They had gone a good way from the house of Micah, 22
when the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were called together, and overtook the children of Dan. And they cried to the children of Dan ; and they turned 23

their faces, and said to Micah, "What *aileth* thee, that ye
 24 have been called together?" And he said, "Ye have taken
 away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone
 away; and what have I more? and what is this that ye say
 25 to me, 'What *aileth* thee?'" And the children of Dan
 said to him, "Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest
 men bitter in spirit run upon thee, and thy life be taken
 26 away, with the lives of thy household." So the children
 of Dan went their way; and when Micah saw that they
 were too strong for him, he turned, and went back to his
 27 house. And they took what Micah had made, and the priest
 whom he had, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and se-
 cure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and
 28 burnt the city with fire. And there was no deliverer, because
 it was far from Zidon, and they had no dispute with any
 man; and it was in the valley that is by Beth-rehob. And
 29 they built a city, and dwelt therein. And they called the
 name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father,
 who was born to Israel: but the name of the city was Laish
 30 at the first. And the children of Dan set up the graven
 image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Moses,
 he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the
 31 day of the captivity of the land. And they set them up
 Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the
 house of God was in Shiloh.

1 CHAP. XIX.—And in those days, when there was no
 king in Israel, there was a certain Levite sojourning on the
 side of mount Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine
 2 out of Beth-lehem-judah. And his concubine played the
 harlot against him, and went away from him to her father's
 house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole
 3 months. And her husband arose, and went after her, to
 speak kindly to her, *and* to bring her again, having his ser-
 vant with him, and a couple of asses; and she brought him
 into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel
 4 saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. And his father-in-law,
 the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him
 three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.
 5 And on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning,
 he rose up to depart; and the damsel's father said to his son-
 in-law, "Comfort thy heart with a morsel of bread, and
 6 afterward go your way." And they sat down, and ate and

drank both of them together : for the damsel's father had said to the man, "Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thy heart be merry." And when the man 7 rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him ; therefore he lodged there again. And he arose early in the morning on 8 the fifth day to depart ; and the damsel's father said, "Comfort thy heart, I pray thee." And they tarried until after noon, and they ate both of them. And when the man rose 9 up to depart, he and his concubine and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said to him, "Lo now, the day draweth toward evening ; I pray you tarry all night : behold, the day groweth to an end ; lodge here, that thy heart may be merry ; and to-morrow be early on your way, that thou mayest go home." But the man would not tarry 10 that night, but rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus (which is Jerusalem) : and there were with him two asses saddled ; his concubine also was with him. And when 11 they were by Jebus, the day was far spent ; and the servant said to his master, "Come, I pray thee, and let us turn into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it." And his master said to him, "We will not turn aside hither into the city of 12 an alien, that is not of the children of Israel ; we will pass over to Gibeah." And he said to his servant, "Come, and 13 let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah." And they passed on and went their 14 way ; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin. And they turned 15 aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah ; and when he went in, he sat down in a street of the city ; for no man took them into his house to lodge. And, lo, there came an old 16 man from his work out of the field at even, who was also of mount Ephraim ; and he sojourned in Gibeah : but the men of the place were Benjaminites. And when he raised his 17 eyes, he saw a way-faring man in the street of the city : and the old man said, "Whither goest thou ? and whence comest thou ?" And he said to him, "We are passing from Beth- 18 lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim ; thence *am* I : and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the house of Jehovah ; and there is no man that receiveth me to his house. Yet there is both straw and provender for our 9 asses ; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man who is with thy servant : there is no want of any thing." And the old man said, 20

“Peace be with thee : howsoever, let all thy wants be upon
 21 me ; only lodge not in the street.” So he brought him into
 his house, and gave provender to the asses ; and they
 22 washed their feet, and ate and drank. They were making
 their hearts merry, when lo, men of the city, sons of
 Belial, surrounded the house, beat at the door, and spake
 to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring
 forth the man that came into thy house, that we may know
 23 him.” And the man, the master of the house, went out to
 them, and said to them, “Nay, my brethren, I pray you, do
 not so wickedly ; seeing that this man is come into my house,
 24 do not this folly. Lo, *here is* my daughter, a maiden, and
 his concubine ; them I will bring out now, and humble ye
 them, and do with them what seemeth good to you ; but to
 25 this man do not so vile a thing.” But the men would not
 hearken to him : so the man took his concubine, and brought
 her forth to them ; and they knew her, and abused her all
 the night until the morning : and when the day began to
 26 dawn, they let her go. Then came the woman, at the dawn
 of day, and fell down at the door of the man’s house where
 27 her husband was, till it was light. And her husband rose
 up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and
 went out to go his way ; and, lo, the woman his concubine
 was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were
 28 upon the threshold. And he said to her, “Rise, and let us
 be going :” but she answered not. Then the man took and
 put her upon an ass, and the man rose up, and went to his
 29 own place. And when he was come into his house, he took
 a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her,
 together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into
 30 all the borders of Israel. And all who saw it said, “No
 such deed hath been done or seen from the day that the
 children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto
 this day : consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds*.”

1 CHAP. XX.—Then all the children of Israel went out,
 and the congregation was gathered together as one man,
 from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto
 2 Jehovah in Mizpeh. And the chief of all the people, of all
 the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of
 the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew
 3 the sword. And the children of Benjamin heard that the
 children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh. Then said the

children of Israel, "Tell us, how was this wickedness?" And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was slain, answered and said, "I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge: And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and surrounded the house upon me by night, *and* thought to kill *me*; *and* my concubine have they forced, that she is dead. And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel. Behold, ye are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel." And all the people arose as one man, saying, "We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house; but now, this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah, we will go up by lot against it; and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel." So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. And all the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What wickedness *is* this that is done among you? Now therefore deliver up the men, sons of Belial, who are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel." But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel; but the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time, out of the cities, twenty-six thousand men that drew the sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men. Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at a hair, and not miss. And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew the sword: all these *were* men of war.

And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, "Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin?" And Jehovah said, "Judah *shall go up* first." And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against

20 Gibeah. And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to
21 fight against them at Gibeah. And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day, twenty-two thousand
22 men. And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array, in the place where
23 they put themselves in array the first day. (And the children of Israel had gone up, and wept before Jehovah until the evening, and had asked counsel of Jehovah, saying, "Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother?" And Jehovah said, "Go up against him.")
24 And the children of Israel came near against the children
25 of Benjamin the second day. And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground, of the children of Israel again, eighteen
26 thousand men; all these drew the sword. Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before Jehovah, and fasted that day until the evening, and offered
27 burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Jehovah. And the children of Israel inquired of Jehovah (for the ark of
28 the covenant of God *was* there in those days; and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease?" And Jehovah said, "Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver
29 them into thy hand." And the Israelites set liers in wait
30 round about Gibeah. And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put
31 themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways (of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to
32 Gibeah in the field), about thirty men of Israel. And the children of Benjamin said, "They are smitten down before us, as at the first." But the children of Israel said, "Let us flee, and draw them from the city, into the highways."
33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar; and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their place, *even* out of the open
34 fields of Gibeah. And there came against Gibeah ten thou-

sand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore ; but they knew not that evil *was* near them. And Jehovah ³⁵ smote Benjamin before Israel ; and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjaminites that day twenty-five thousand one hundred men : all these drew the sword. So the chil- ³⁶ dren of Benjamin saw that they were smitten ; for the men of Israel gave way before the Benjaminites, because they trusted to the liers in wait whom they had set beside Gibeah. And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah ; and ³⁷ the liers in wait spread themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. Now there was an ap- ³⁸ pointed signal between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. So when the men of Israel retreated in ³⁹ the battle, the Benjaminites began to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons ; for they said, " Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle." But ⁴⁰ when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjaminites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to the heavens. And ⁴¹ when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed : for they saw that evil was come upon them. Therefore they turned before the men of Israel unto the way ⁴² of the desert ; but the battle overtook them ; and those who *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of it. They inclosed the Benjaminites round about ; they chased ⁴³ them from their resting-place ; they trode them down till over against Gibeah toward the sun-rising. And there fell ⁴⁴ of Benjamin eighteen thousand men : all these *were* men of valour. And they turned and fled toward the desert unto ⁴⁵ the rock of Rimmon ; and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men ; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. So that ⁴⁶ all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men that drew the sword : all these *were* men of valour. But six hundred men turned, and fled to the desert unto ⁴⁷ the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months. And the men of Israel turned again upon the ⁴⁸ children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, men and beast of *every* city, and all that was found : also they set on fire all the cities to which they came.

CHAP. XXI.—Now the men of Israel had sworn in 1

Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter
2 unto a Benjaminite to wife. And the people came to the
house of God, and abode there till evening before God, and
3 lifted up their voices, and wept greatly; and said, "O
Jehovah, God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel,
that there should be to-day one tribe wanting in Israel?"
4 And on the morrow, the people rose early, and built there an
5 altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. And
the children of Israel said, "Who *is there* among all the
tribes of Israel that came not up with the assembly unto
Jehovah?" for they had made a great oath concerning him
that came not up to Jehovah to Mizpeh, saying, "He shall
6 surely be put to death." And the children of Israel re-
penteth them concerning Benjamin their brother, and said,
7 "There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. How shall
we do for wives for those that remain, seeing we have sworn
by Jehovah, that we will not give them of our daughters for
8 wives?" And they said, "What one *is there* of the tribes
of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to Jehovah?" And
lo, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the
9 assembly. For the people were numbered, and, lo, *there were*
10 none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there. And the
congregation sent thither twelve thousand of the most
valiant men, and commanded them, saying, "Go and smite
the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword,
11 with the women and the children. And this *is* the thing
that ye shall do, ye shall utterly destroy every male, and
12 every woman that hath lain by man." And they found
among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young
virgins, who had known no man by lying with any male;
and they brought them to the camp to Shiloh, which is in
13 the land of Canaan. Then the whole congregation sent *some*
to speak to the children of Benjamin who were in the rock
14 of Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them. And the
Benjaminites returned at that time; and they gave them
wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-
15 gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not. And the people
repented them concerning the Benjaminites because Jehovah
16 had made a breach in the tribes of Israel. Then the
elders of the congregation said, "How shall we do for wives
for those that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of
Benjamin?" And they said, "*There must be* an inheritance
17 for those who have escaped of the Benjaminites, that a tribe

be not destroyed out of Israel. But we may not give them 18
wives of our daughters ; for the children of Israel have
sworn, saying, ‘ Cursed be he that giveth a wife to a Ben-
jaminite.’” Then they said, “ Lo, there is a yearly feast of 19
Jehovah in Shiloh, which *is* on the north side of Beth-el, on
the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to
Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.” Therefore they 20
advised the children of Benjamin, saying, “ Go and lie in
wait in the vineyards ; and see, and, lo, if the daughters of 21
Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the
vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters
of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. And when 22
their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, we
will say to them, ‘ Be favourable to them for our sakes ; be-
cause we reserved not to each man his wife in the war ; for
ye did not give *wives* to them ; in which case ye would have
been guilty.’” And the children of Benjamin did so, and took 23
for themselves wives according to their number, of those that
danced, whom they caught ; and they went and returned to
their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.
And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, 24
every man to his tribe, and to his family ; and they went out
thence every man to his inheritance.

In those days there was no king in Israel : every man 25
did what was right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF RUTH.

1 CHAP. I.—Now in the days when the Judges ruled,
there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of
Beth-lehem of Judah went to sojourn in the country of
2 Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. And the name
of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi,
and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephra-
thites of Beth-lehem of Judah. And they went into the
3 country of Moab, and continued there. And Elimelech,
Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.
4 And they took for themselves wives of the women of Moab;
the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the
other Ruth. And when they had dwelled there about ten
5 years, Mahlon and Chilion died also, even both of them; and
the woman was bereaved of her two sons and her husband.
6 Then she arose, with her daughters-in-law, that she might
return from the country of Moab; for she had heard in the
country of Moab that Jehovah had visited his people by
7 giving them bread. So she went from the place where she
was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went
8 on the way to return into the land of Judah. And Naomi
said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you
to her mother's house: may Jehovah deal kindly with you,
9 as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. Jehovah
grant that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her
husband." Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their
10 voice, and wept. And they said to her, "Surely we will re-
11 turn with thee unto thy people." And Naomi said, "Re-
turn, my daughters, why will ye go with me? Are there
yet any sons in my womb, who might be your husbands?
12 Return, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to
have a husband. If I should say, I have hope; should I
have a husband even this night, and should I also bear sons;
3 would ye wait for them until they were grown? would ye

stay for them from having husbands? Nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much, for your sakes, that the hand of Jehovah is gone out against me." And they lifted up their 14 voice, and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clave to her. And she said, "Behold, thy 15 sister-in-law has returned to her people, and to her gods; return thou after thy sister-in-law." And Ruth said, 16 "Entreat me not to leave thee, by returning from following thee; for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, 17 and there will I be buried. May Jehovah do so to me, and more also, *if aught* but death part thee and me!" When she saw that she was firmly resolved to go with her, 18 she ceased to speak to her. So they two went until they 19 came to Beth-lehem. And when they were come to Beth-lehem, all the city was moved about them, and said, "Is this Naomi?" And she said to them, "Call me not Naomi 20 [PLEASANTNESS], call me Mara [BITTERNESS]; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, 21 and Jehovah hath brought me home again empty. Why *then* call ye me Naomi, since Jehovah hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?"

Thus Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her 22 daughter-in-law, returned with her out of the country of Moab; and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of the barley-harvest.

CHAP. II.—Now Naomi had a kinsman of her hus- 1 band's, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabitess said to 2 Naomi, "Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find favour." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." And she went, and came, 3 and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and it chanced that she lighted on a part of the field which belonged to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. And, behold, 4 Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said to the reapers, "May Jehovah be with you!" And they answered him, "May Jehovah bless thee!" Then said Boaz to his servant who 5 was set over the reapers, "Whose damsel is that?" And 6 the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, "It is the Moabitish damsel that returned with Naomi out

7 of the country of Moab : and she said, 'I pray thee, let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers :'
so she came, and hath continued even from the morning
8 until now, she hath tarried but little in the house." Then said Boaz to Ruth, "Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go hence, but abide
9 here near my maidens. Keep thine eyes on the field that they are reaping, and go thou after them. Have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee?
and when thou art thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink of
10 what the young men have drawn." Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favour in thine eyes, that thou should-
11 est take knowledge of me, and I an alien?" And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that thou hast done to thy mother-in-law since the death of thy husband, hath been fully told to me : and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a
12 people which thou knewest not before. May Jehovah recompense thy deeds, and may a full reward be given to thee by Jehovah God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." Then she said, "Let me find favour in thy sight,
my lord, for thou hast comforted me, and hast spoken friendly to thy handmaid, though I be not like one of thy
14 handmaids." And Boaz said to her, "At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar." So she sat down beside the reapers : and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was satisfied and left.
15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves,
16 and reproach her not ; and let fall also *some* of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them ;
17 and rebuke her not." So she gleaned in the field until evening,
and she beat out what she had gleaned ; and it was about an
18 ephah of barley. And she took it up, and went into the city ; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned ; and she brought forth, and gave to her that which she had reserved
19 after she was satisfied. And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where hast thou gleaned to-day ? and where wroughtest thou ? Blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee !" And she shewed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, "The man's name with whom I wrought to-day is
20 Boaz." And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed

of Jehovah may he be who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead." And Naomi said to her, "The man is near of kin to us, one of our next kinsmen." And ²¹ Ruth the Moabitess said, "He said to me also, 'Thou must keep near my servants until they have ended all my harvest.'" And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "*It* ²² is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they come not upon thee in any other field." So she ²³ kept near the maidens of Boaz to glean, to the end of barley-harvest, and of wheat-harvest; but she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

CHAP. III.—Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, ¹ "My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with ² whose maidens thou wast? Lo, he winnoweth barley in the threshing-floor, to-night. Wash thyself, therefore, and ³ anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and go down to the threshing-floor: make not thyself known to the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. And when ⁴ he lieth down, thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do." And she said to ⁵ her, "All that thou sayest to me I will do."

And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did ac- ⁶ cording to all that her mother-in-law bade her. And when ⁷ Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was joyful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and lay down. And at midnight the ⁸ man was afraid, and turned himself; and, lo, a woman was lying at his feet. And he said, "Who art thou?" And ⁹ she answered, "I am Ruth thy handmaid; spread therefore thy skirt over thy handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman." And he said, "Blessed be thou of Jehovah, my daughter; ¹⁰ thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than in the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I ¹¹ will do for thee all that thou requirest; for all the city of my people knoweth that thou art a virtuous woman. And ¹² now, although it is true that I am a near kinsman, yet there is a kinsman nearer than I. Remain this night, and in the ¹³ morning, if he will perform to thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kismann's part; bpt if he will not do

the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as Jehovah liveth: lie down until the morning." And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before a man could know his neighbour. And he said, "Let it not be known that a woman came into the threshing-floor." Also he said, "Bring the veil that is upon thee, and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and he placed it upon her; and she went into the city. And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Who art thou, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, "These six *measures* of barley gave he to me; for he said to me, 'Go not empty-handed to thy mother-in-law.'" Then said she, "Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he have finished the matter this day."

1 CHAP. IV.—Then went Boaz up to the city gate, and sat down there: and, lo, the kinsman, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by; to whom he said, "Ho, such-a-one! turn aside, sit down here." And he turned aside, and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, 3 "Sit ye down here." And they sat down. And he said to the kinsman, "Naomi, who hath returned from the country of Moab, sold a piece of land, which belonged to our brother Elimelech: and I thought fit to make this known to thee, saying, 'Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people.' If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem *it* besides thee; and I am after thee." And he said, "I will redeem *it*." Then said Boaz, 5 "When thou buyest the field from the hand of Naomi, thou must buy also Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to 6 raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance." Then the kinsman said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I injure my own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it*." (Now this was the custom in former time in Israel, in redeeming and in exchanging, to confirm all things: a man pulled off his shoe, and gave it to 8 his neighbour; and this was a testimony in Israel.) Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, "Buy it for thyself," and he 9 pulled off his shoe. And Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, "Ye are witnesses this day that I have bought all

that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. Ruth also the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I bought to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place : ye are witnesses this day." And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, *"We are witnesses.* May Jehovah make the woman who cometh into thy house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel ; and mayest thou get wealth in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem ; and may thy house be like the house of Pharez (whom Tamar bare to Judah), of the seed which Jehovah shall give thee of this young woman." So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife ; and when he went in unto her, Jehovah gave her conception, and she bare a son. And the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be Jehovah who hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, and his name shall be famous in Israel. And he shall be to thee a restorer of *thy* life, and a nourisher of thy old age : for thy daughter-in-law who loveth thee, who is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him *a child.*" And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it. And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi ;" and they called his name Obed : he was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Now these are the descendants of Pharez : Pharez begat Hezron, and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, and Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

1 CHAP. I.—Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-
zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the
son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son
2 of Zuph, an Ephrathite: and he had two wives; the name
of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Pe-
ninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no
children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship
and to sacrifice unto Jehovah of hosts in Shiloh. And the
two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of Je-
4 hovah, were there. And on the day when Elkanah sacrificed,
he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her
5 daughters, portions: but unto Hannah he gave a double
portion; for he loved Hannah; but Jehovah had shut up her
6 womb. And her adversary also provoked her greatly, so as
to make her fret, because Jehovah had shut up her womb.
7 And *as* he did so year by year, as often as she went up to
the house of Jehovah, so she provoked her; therefore she
8 wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to
her, “Hannah, Why weepest thou? and why eatest thou
not? and why is thy heart troubled? am not I better to thee
than ten sons?”

9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and
after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat
10 by a door-post of the temple of Jehovah. And she was
grieved in soul, and prayed unto Jehovah, and wept much.
11 And she vowed a vow, and said, “O Jehovah of hosts, if thou
wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid, and re-

member me, and not forget thy handmaid, but will give unto thy handmaid a man-child, then I will give him unto Jehovah all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."

And it came to pass, as she often prayed before Jehovah, 12 that Eli observed her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in 13 her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said 14 unto her, "How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee." And Hannah answered and said, "No, 15 my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before Jehovah. Count not thy handmaid for a daughter 16 of Belial; for out of the greatness of my sorrow and my grief have I spoken hitherto." Then Eli answered and said, 17 "Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition which thou hast asked of him." And she said, "Let 18 thy handmaid find favour in thy sight." So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped 19 before Jehovah, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah; and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and Jehovah remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time 20 was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel [HEARD OF GOD], *saying*, "Because I have asked him of Jehovah."

And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer 21 unto Jehovah the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, "*I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before Jehovah, and there remain for ever." And Elkanah her husband said unto her, "Do what 23 seemeth to thee good; remain until thou have weaned him; only Jehovah establish his word." So the woman remained, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, 24 with a bullock of three years old, and one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him unto the house of Jehovah in Shiloh: and the child was young. And they slew 25 the bullock, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, 26 "O my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, to pray unto Jehovah. For this 27

child I prayed; and Jehovah hath given me my petition
 25 which I asked of him; therefore also I have given him up
 to Jehovah; as long as he liveth he shall be given up to Je-
 hovah." And they worshipped Jehovah there.

- 1 CHAP. II.—And Hannah prayed, and said,
 “My heart rejoiceth in Jehovah,
 My horn is exalted in Jehovah;
 My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
 Because I rejoice in thy salvation.
 2 There is none holy as Jehovah;
 For there is none beside thee;
 And no rock like our God.
 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
 Nor let arrogance come out of your mouth;
 For Jehovah is a God of knowledge,
 And by him actions are weighed.
 4 The bows of mighty men are broken,
 And they that stumbled are girded with strength.
 5 *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread;
 And *they that were* hungry have ceased;
 So that the barren hath borne seven;
 And she that hath many children is grown feeble.
 6 Jehovah killeth and maketh alive;
 He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.
 7 Jehovah maketh poor, and maketh rich;
 He bringeth low, and lifteth up.
 8 He raiseth up the feeble out of the dust,
 He lifteth up the needy from the dunghill,
 To set them among princes,
 And to make them inherit a seat of glory;
 For the pillars of the earth are Jehovah's,
 And he hath set the world upon them.
 9 He will keep the feet of his saints,
 And the wicked shall be silent in darkness;
 For not by strength shall man prevail.
 10 The adversaries of Jehovah shall be broken to pieces;
 In heaven shall he thunder upon them;
 Jehovah shall judge the ends of the earth;
 And he shall give strength to his king,
 And exalt the horn of his anointed.”
 11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child
 did minister unto Jehovah before Eli the priest.

Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial ; they regarded 12
not Jehovah. And the priests' custom with the people was, 13
that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant
came, while the flesh was boiling, with a fleshhook of three
teeth in his hand ; and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, 14
or caldron, or pot ; all that the fleshhook brought up the
priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the
Israelites that came thither. Also before they burnt the fat, 15
the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed,
"Give flesh to roast for the priest ; for he will not have
boiled flesh of thee, but raw." And *if* the man said unto 16
him, "They will burn the fat presently, then take as thy
soul desireth ;" then he would answer him, "*Nay* ; but
thou shalt give it now ; and if not, I will take it by force."
Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before 17
Jehovah ; for men abhorred the offering of Jehovah.

But Samuel ministered before Jehovah, *being* a child, 18
girded with a linen ephod. Moreover his mother made him 19
a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when
she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, "Jehovah 20
give thee offspring of this woman instead of that which she
asked for, which is given up to Jehovah." And they went
unto their own home. And Jehovah visited Hannah, so 21
that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.
And the child Samuel grew before Jehovah.

Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto 22
all Israel ; and how they lay with the women that served *at*
the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he 23
said unto them, "Why do ye such deeds ? for I hear of
your evil deeds from all this people. *Nay*, my sons ; for it 24
is no good report that I hear ; ye make Jehovah's people
to transgress. If one man sin against another, God shall 25
judge him ; and if a man sin against Jehovah, who shall
entreat for him ?" But they hearkened not unto the voice of
their father, because it pleased Jehovah to slay them.

And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both 26
with Jehovah, and also with men.

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto 27
him, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'Did I *not* plainly reveal myself
unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in
Pharaoh's house ? And did I *not* choose him out of all the 28
tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to

burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I *not* give unto the house of thy father all the offerings by fire of
 29 the children of Israel? wherefore trample ye on my sacrifice and on mine offering, which I have commanded *in my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel my
 30 people?’ Wherefore Jehovah God of Israel saith, ‘I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever:’ but now Jehovah saith, ‘Be it far from me: for them that honour me I will honour, and they
 31 that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father’s house, that there shall not be an old man in thy
 32 house. And thou shalt see adversity *in thy* habitation, in all wherein Israel shall be prospered; and there shall not be an
 33 old man in thy house for ever. And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thy soul: and all the increase of thy
 34 house shall die *when they are* men. And that which shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas, shall be the sign unto thee; in one day they shall die both of them.
 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my soul; and I will build him a durable house; and he shall walk before mine anointed
 36 for ever. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thy house shall come *and* bow down to him for a piece of silver and a cake of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priest’s offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.’”

1 CHAP. III.—And the child Samuel ministered unto Jehovah before Eli. And the word of Jehovah was rare in
 2 those days; vision was not frequent. And it came to pass at that time, that Eli was lying down in his place; and his
 3 eyes began to grow dim, *that* he could not see; and before the lamp of God went out, when Samuel was lying down, in
 4 the temple of Jehovah, where the ark of God was, then Jehovah called unto Samuel: and he answered, “Here am I.”
 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, “Here am I; for thou calledst me.” And he said, “I called not; lie down again.” And
 6 he went and lay down. And Jehovah called yet again, “Samuel.” And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here am I; for thou didst call me.” And he answered,

"I called not, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did 7 not yet know Jehovah, neither was the word of Jehovah yet revealed unto him. And Jehovah called Samuel again 8 the third time. And he arose, and went to Eli, and said, "Here am I; for thou didst call me." And Eli perceived that Jehovah had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto 9 Samuel, "Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call unto thee, that thou shalt say, 'Speak, Jehovah; for thy servant heareth.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And Jehovah came, and stood, and called as before, 10 "Samuel, Samuel." Then Samuel said, "Speak; for thy servant heareth."

And Jehovah said to Samuel, "Behold, I will do a thing 11 in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all that 12 I have spoken against his house, from the beginning to the end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for 13 ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves accursed and he restrained them not. And 14 therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated with sacrifice nor meal-offering for ever."

And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors 15 of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel feared to tell the vision unto Eli. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, "Samuel, 16 my son." And he said, "Here am I." And he said, 17 "What is the thing that hath been spoken unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me; God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide a word from me of every thing that he hath spoken unto thee." And Samuel told him every word, and 18 hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is Jehovah: let him do what seemeth to him good."

And Samuel grew, and Jehovah was with him, and did let 19 none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from 20 Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of Jehovah. And Jehovah appeared again 21 in Shiloh; for Jehovah revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah. CHAP. IV.—And the word of 1 Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and encamped beside Eben-ezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. And the Philistines put themselves in array 2 against Israel; and they joined battle, and Israel was smitten

before the Philistines; and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Wherefore hath Jehovah smitten us to-day before the Philistines? Let us take unto us the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of Shiloh, that it may come into the midst of us and save us out of the hand of our enemies."

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and brought from thence the ark of the covenant of Jehovah who dwelleth *between* the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, 5 were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews?" And they understood that

7 the ark of Jehovah was come into the camp. And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God is come into the camp." And they said, "Woe unto us! for there hath

8 not been such a thing heretofore. Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with every plague in 9 the wilderness. Take courage, and be men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you; yea, be men, and fight."

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand 11 footmen. And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with 13 earth upon his head. And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, 14 and told it, all the city cried out. And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, "What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult?" And the man came in hastily and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. And the man said unto Eli, "I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to-day out of the army." And he said, "What are the tidings, my

son?" And the messenger answered and said, "Israel hath 17 fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken." And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of 18 God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck was broken, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child 19 *near* to be delivered; and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death 20 the women that stood by her said unto her, "Fear not; for thou hast borne a son." But she answered not, neither did she regard it. And she named the child I-ehabod, [NO GLORY] 21 saying, "The glory is departed from Israel;" because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. And she said, "The glory is departed from Israel; 22 for the ark of God is taken."

CHAP. V.—And the Philistines took the ark of God, 1 and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. And the 2 Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and placed it by Dagon. And when they 3 of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of Jehovah. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And 4 when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of Jehovah; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the fish-shaped part was left to him. Therefore neither the priests 5 of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

And the hand of Jehovah was heavy upon them of 6 Ashdod, and he wasted them, and smote them with boils, *even* Ashdod and the territories thereof. And when the men 7 of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel shall not remain with us; for his hand is severe upon us, and upon Dagon our god." They sent therefore and 8 gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said,

“What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?” And they answered, “Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried to Gath.” And they carried the ark of the God of

9 Israel *thither*. And it came to pass, after they had carried it, that the hand of Jehovah was upon the city with very great consternation; and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and boils broke out upon them.

10 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, “They have brought the ark of 11 the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.” So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, “Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people;” for there was deadly consternation throughout 12 all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that died not were smitten with the boils: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

1 CHAP. VI.—And the ark of Jehovah was in the country 2 of the Philistines seven months. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, “What shall we do to the ark of Jehovah? tell us wherewith we shall send it 3 to its place.” And they said, “If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass-offering; then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.” 4 Then said they, “What shall be the trespass-offering which we shall return to him?” And they said, “Five golden boils, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your 5 lords. Wherefore ye shall make images of your boils, and images of your mice that destroy the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and 6 from off your land. Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not 7 let the people go, and they departed? Now therefore make a new wagon, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and bind the kine to the wagon, and 8 bring their calves home from them: and take the ark of Jehovah, and lay it upon the wagon; and put the jewels of

gold, which ye return him for a trespass-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. And see, if it goeth up by the way of its own border to 9 Beth-shemesh, *then* he hath done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us."

And the men did so; and took two milch kine and bound 10 them to the wagon, and shut up their calves at home; and they laid the ark of Jehovah upon the wagon, and 11 the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their boils. And the kine took the straight way on the way to 12 Beth-shemesh; they went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them, unto the border of Beth-shemesh. And *they of* Beth-shemesh were 13 reaping the wheat-harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. And the wagon came into the field of Joshua, a Beth- 14 shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone; and they clave the wood of the wagon, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. And the Levites took 15 down the ark of Jehovah, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto Jehovah. And 16 when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *this*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

And these are the golden boils which the Philistines re- 17 turned for a trespass-offering unto Jehovah; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; and the golden mice, *according to* the number of all 18 the cities of the Philistines *belonging to* the five lords, *both* of fenced cities and of country villages. And the great stone whereon they set down the ark of Jehovah, is a witness unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

And the men of Beth-shemesh were smitten, because they 19 had looked into the ark of Jehovah, even of the people fifty thousand *and* threescore and ten men were smitten; and the people lamented, because Jehovah had smitten the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, 20 "Who is able to stand before Jehovah, this holy God? and to whom shall he go up from us?" And they sent mes- 21 sengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, "The

Philistines have brought back the ark of Jehovah ; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you."

- 1 CHAP. VII.—And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of Jehovah, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of Jehovah.
- 2 And it came to pass, from the day *when* the ark remained in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long ; for it was twenty years ; and all the house of Israel lamented after Jehovah.
- 3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, "If ye do return unto Jehovah with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto Jehovah, and serve him only ; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."
- 4 Then the children of Israel did put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth, and served Jehovah only.
- 5 And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto Jehovah." And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before Jehovah, and fasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against Jehovah." And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.
- 6 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel
- 7 heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Cease not to cry unto Jehovah our God for us, that he may save us out of the hand of the
- 8 Philistines." And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it* for a whole burnt-offering unto Jehovah. And Samuel cried unto Jehovah for Israel ; and Jehovah heard him.
- 9 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel ; but Jehovah thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them ; and they were smitten before Israel.
- 10 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them until *they came* under Beth-car.
- 11 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, "Hitherto
- 12 hath Jehovah helped us." So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the territory of Israel ; and the hand of Jehovah was against the Philistines all the days of

Samuel. And the cities which the Philistines had taken 14 from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the territory thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. And 16 he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. And his 17 return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto Jehovah.

CHAP. VIII.—And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, 1 that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name 2 of his first-born was Joel; and the name of his second Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba. And his sons 3 walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, 4 and came to Samuel unto Ramah, and said unto him, “Be- 5 hold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways; now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, “Give 6 us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed unto Jehovah. And Jehovah said unto Samuel, “Hearken unto the voice of 7 the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they 8 have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. Now therefore 9 hearken unto their voice; howbeit solemnly admonish them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.”

And Samuel told all the words of Jehovah unto the 10 people that asked of him a king. And he said, “This will 11 be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains of thousands, 12 and captains of fifties; and *will set them* to till his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. And he will take your 13

14 daughters to be perfume-makers, and cooks, and bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive-yards, *even the best of them*, and give them to his servants.
15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vine-
16 yards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his
17 work. He will take the tenth of your sheep; and ye shall
18 be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye have chosen you; and Jehovah will not answer you in that day."

19 Nevertheless the people refused to hearken to the voice of Samuel; and they said, "Nay; but we will have a king over
20 us; that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our
21 battles." And Samuel heard all the words of the people,
22 and he repeated them in the ears of Jehovah. And Jehovah said to Samuel, "Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king." And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, "Go ye every man unto his city."

1 CHAP. IX.—Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, mighty in
2 strength. And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice and goodly young man; and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he; from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, "Take now one of the servants
4 with thee, and arise, go seek the asses." And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not; then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and *there they were* not; and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them
5 not. And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, "Come, and let us return; lest my father cease to care for the asses, and take thought
6 for us." And he said unto him, "Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and the man is honoured; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go."

Then said Saul to his servant, "But, behold, *if* we go, what 7 shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God; what have we?" And the servant answered Saul again, and said, 8 "Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver; and I will give it to the man of God, to tell us our way." (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of 9 God, thus he spake, "Come, and let us go to the seer; for *he that is now called* a Prophet, was beforetime called a Seer.) Then said Saul to his servant, "Thou sayest well; come, let 10 us go." So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

As they went up the ascent of the city, they found 11 young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, "Is the seer here?" And they answered them, and said, 12 "He is; behold, *he is* before you; make haste now, for he came to-day to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people to-day in the high place: as soon as ye be come into the city, 13 ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that are invited. Now therefore go ye up; for to-day ye shall find him." And they went up into the city: *and* when they 14 were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out towards them, to go up to the high place.

Now Jehovah had revealed to Samuel, a day before Saul 15 came, saying, "To-morrow about this time I will send thee 16 a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him ruler over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me." And when 17 Samuel saw Saul, Jehovah answered him, "Behold the man *of* whom I said unto thee, 'This man shall reign over my people.'"

Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, 18 "Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is." And 19 Samuel answered Saul, and said, "I am the seer; go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to-day, and to-morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thy heart. And as for thine asses that were lost 20 three days ago, set not thy heart on them; for they are found. And for whom is every desirable thing in Israel? Is it not for thee, and for all thy father's house?" And Saul answered 21

and said, "Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?"

- 22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guest-chamber, and gave them a place at the head of those that were invited, who were about thirty persons.
- 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, 'Set it by thee.'" And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And *Samuel* said, "Behold that which is reserved! set it before thee, *and* eat; for unto this time hath it been kept for thee, since I said, I have invited the people." So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.
- 25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* conversed with Saul upon the house-top.
- 26 And they arose early; and it came to pass about the dawning of the day, that Samuel called unto Saul to the house-top, saying, "Arise, that I may send thee away." And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.
- 27 As they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Bid the servant pass on before us (and he passed on), but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God."

- 1 CHAP. X.—Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, "Is it not because Jehovah hath anointed thee ruler over his inheritance?"
- 2 When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, 'The asses which thou wentest to seek are found; and, lo, thy father hath cast away the matter of the asses, and taketh thought for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?' Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the oak of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three cakes of bread, and another carrying a skin of
- 4 wine; and they will salute thee, and give thee two *cakes* of
- 5 bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. After that thou shalt come to Gibeah-clohim, where is the garrison of the Philistines; and it shall come to pass, when thou art

come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy; and the spirit of Jehovah will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. And when these signs are come unto thee, do thou what thy hand shall find; for God is with thee. And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee to offer burnt-offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings; seven days shalt thou wait, till I come to thee, and make known to thee what thou shalt do."

And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. And when they came thither to Gibeah, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it came to pass, when all that knew him before-time saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, "What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" And one of the same place answered and said, "But who is his father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, "Whither went ye?" And he said, "To seek the asses; and when we found them not we came to Samuel." And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you." And Saul said unto his uncle, "He told us plainly that the asses were found." But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

And Samuel called the people together unto Jehovah to Mizpeh; and said unto the children of Israel, "Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you;' and ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your evils and your adversities; and ye have said unto him, 'Nay, but set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before Jehovah by your tribes, and by your thousands."

And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to

21 come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. And he caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, and the family of Matri was taken; and *of them* Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they inquired of Jehovah further, if the man should yet come thither. And Jehovah answered, "Be-
23 hold, he is hidden among the baggage." And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. And Samuel said to all the people, "See
24 ye him whom Jehovah hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people?" And all the people shouted,
25 and said, "Long live the king." Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before Jehovah.

And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his
26 house. And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him the band of men, whose hearts God had touched.
27 But the children of Belial said, "How shall this man save us?" And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

1 CHAP. XI.—Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will
2 serve thee." And Nahash the Ammonite said unto them, "On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel."

3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, "Grant us seven days, that we may send messengers into all the territory of Israel; and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come
4 out to thee." Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and spake the words in the ears of the people; and all the
5 people lifted up their voices, and wept. And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, "What
hath befallen the people that they weep?" And they told him
6 the words of the men of Jabesh. And the spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was
7 kindled greatly. And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, "Whosoever

cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen." And the fear of Jehovah fell on the people, and they came out as one man. And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

And they said unto the messengers that came, "Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'To-morrow, by *the time* the sun is hot, ye shall have deliverance.'" And the messengers came and told it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you."

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day; and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

And the people said unto Samuel, "Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' bring the men, that we may put them to death." And Saul said, "There shall not a man be put to death this day; for to-day Jehovah hath wrought deliverance in Israel."

Then said Samuel to the people, "Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there." And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before Jehovah in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings before Jehovah; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAP. XII.—And Samuel said unto all Israel, "Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. And now, behold, the king walketh before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you; and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am; witness against me before Jehovah, and before his anointed; whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received a bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you." And they said, "Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of *any* man's hand." And he said unto them,

“Jehovah is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand.” And they answered, “*He is witness.*”

6 And Samuel said unto the people, “*It is Jehovah that appointed Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers*
7 *up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand, that I may reason with you before the Lord of all the righteous*
8 *acts of Jehovah, which he did to you and to your fathers.*
9 *When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto Jehovah, then Jehovah sent Moses and Aaron, and they brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made*
10 *them dwell in this place. And when they forgot Jehovah their God, he delivered them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they*
11 *fought against them. And they cried unto Jehovah, and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken Jehovah, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve*
12 *thee.’ And Jehovah sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your*
13 *enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe. And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, ‘Nay; but a king shall reign*
14 *over us;’ when Jehovah your God was your king. Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, Jehovah hath set a king over*
15 *you. If ye will fear Jehovah, and serve him, and hearken to his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Jehovah, and both ye and also the king that reigneth over you*
16 *will follow after Jehovah your God,—well; but if ye will not hearken to the voice of Jehovah, but rebel against the commandment of Jehovah, then shall the hand of Jehovah be*
17 *against you, as it was against your fathers. Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which Jehovah will do before your eyes. Is it not wheat-harvest to-day? I will call unto Jehovah, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may know and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of Jehovah, in asking you a king.”*

18 So Samuel called unto Jehovah; and Jehovah sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared Jehovah and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel,
19 “Pray for thy servants unto Jehovah thy God, that we die

not; for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king." And Samuel said unto the people, "Fear not: ye 20 have done all this evil; yet turn not aside from after Jehovah, but serve Jehovah with all your heart, and turn ye 21 not aside after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. For Jehovah will not forsake his people 22 for his great name's sake; because it hath pleased Jehovah to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid 23 that I should sin against Jehovah in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way: only fear Jehovah, and serve him in truth with all your 24 heart; for consider how great *things* he hath done for you. But if ye will still do wickedly, ye shall be destroyed, both 25 ye and your king."

CHAP. XIII.—Saul was years old when he 1 became king; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; two thousand 2 were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin; and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that 3 was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear." And all Israel heard it said that Saul 4 had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also had become abominable to the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal. And the Philistines 5 gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea-shore in multitude; and they came up, and encamped in Michmash, eastward from Beth-aven.

And the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for 6 the people were distressed,) and the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits. And *some of* the Hebrews went over 7 Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. And he waited seven days, according to the set time that 8 Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, "Bring 9 hither the burnt-offering to me, and the peace-offerings." And he offered the burnt-offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and
11 Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him. And Samuel said, "What hast thou done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;
12 therefore I said, the Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto Jehovah; I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt-offering." And Samuel said to Saul, "Thou hast done foolishly;
13 thou hast not kept the commandment of Jehovah thy God, which he commanded thee; for now would Jehovah have
14 established thy kingdom over Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue; Jehovah hath sought him a man after his own heart, and Jehovah hath commanded him to be ruler over his people, because thou hast not kept that which Jehovah commanded thee."

15 And Samuel arose, and went up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people present with
16 him, about six hundred men. And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people present with them, remained in Gibeah of Benjamin; but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.
17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies; one company turned unto the way of
18 Ophrah, unto the land of Shual; and another company turned the way of Beth-horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looketh over the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make
20 them swords or spears:" but all Israel went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his hoe, and
21 his axe, and his mattock. Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the hoes, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to
22 sharpen the goads. So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul, and with Jonathan his son, they were found.

23 And a garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

1 CHAP. XIV.—Now it came to pass at that time, that

Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the youth that bare his armour, "Come, and let us go over to the garrison of the Philistines, that is on the other side." But he told not his father. And Saul remained at the extremity of Gibeah ² under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron; and the people that were with him were about six hundred men; and Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, brother of I-chabod, the son ³ of Phinehas, the son of Eli, was priest of Jehovah in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. And between the passages, by which ⁴ Jonathan sought to go over unto the garrison of the Philistines, there was a crag of rock on the one side, and a crag of rock on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. The one crag was situate ⁵ northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah. And Jonathan said to the young man ⁶ that bare his armour, "Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that Jehovah will work for us; for there is no hindrance to Jehovah to save by many or by few." And his armour-bearer said unto ⁷ him, "Do all that is in thine heart; go on; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart." Then said Jonathan, ⁸ "Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. If they say thus unto us, 'Be ⁹ still until we come to you;' then we will stand in our place, and will not go up unto them. But if they say thus, 'Come ¹⁰ up unto us;' then we will go up; for Jehovah hath delivered them into our hand; and this shall be the sign unto us."

And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison ¹¹ of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, "Behold, Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves." And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan ¹² and his armour-bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will make something known to you." And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer, "Come up after me; for Jehovah hath delivered them into the hand of Israel." And Jonathan ¹³ climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer slew after him. And that first slaughter, ¹⁴ which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men, within about half an acre of land.

And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and ¹⁵

among all the people; the garrison, even the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth shook; so there was a very great trembling.

- 16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and went hither and
17 thither. Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, "Number now, and see who is gone from us." And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer
18 were not *there*. And Saul said unto Ahiah, "Bring hither the ark of God:" for the ark of God was at that time
19 with the children of Israel. And while Saul was speaking to the priest, the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines continued to increase; and Saul said unto the
20 priest, "Withdraw thine hand." And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle; and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, *and* the consternation was very great.
21 Moreover, the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp round about, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites that
22 were with Saul and Jonathan. Likewise all the men of Israel who had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed
23 hard after them in the battle. So Jehovah saved Israel that day; and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.
24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, "Cursed be the man that eateth food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine
25 enemies." So none of the people tasted food. And all the people came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.
26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth;
27 for the people feared the oath. Now Jonathan had not heard when his father charged the people with the oath; and he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his
28 mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. Then answered one of the people, and said, "Thy father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed be the man that
29 eateth food this day.'" And the people were faint. Then said Jonathan, "My father hath injured the land; see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I
30 tasted a little of this honey: how much more, if haply

the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for now the slaughter has not been great among the Philistines."

And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash ³¹ to Aijalon; and the people were very faint. And the people ³² flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood. Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the ³³ people sin against Jehovah, in that they eat with the blood." And he said, "Ye have transgressed; roll hither a great stone unto me." And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the ³⁴ people, and say to them, 'Bring unto me every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against Jehovah by eating with the blood.'" And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there. And Saul built an altar unto Jehovah; ³⁵ the same was the first altar that he built unto Jehovah.

Then Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by ³⁶ night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee." Then said the priest, "Let us draw near hither unto God." And Saul asked counsel of ³⁷ God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel?" But he answered him not that day. And Saul said, "Draw ye near hither, all the ³⁸ chiefs of the people; and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. For, as Jehovah liveth, who saveth ³⁹ Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." And no man answered him of all the people. Then said he ⁴⁰ unto all Israel, "Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." And the people said unto Saul, "Do what seemeth good unto thee." Therefore Saul ⁴¹ said unto Jehovah, "God of Israel, give a just *lot*." And Saul and Jonathan were taken; but the people escaped. And Saul said, "Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my ⁴² son." And Jonathan was taken. Then Saul said to Jona- ⁴³ than, "Tell me what thou hast done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; here I am, let me die." And Saul answered, "God do so and more also; for thou ⁴⁴ must surely die, Jonathan." And the people said unto Saul, ⁴⁵ "Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great deliverance in Israel? God forbid; as Jehovah liveth, there shall

not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not. Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place.

So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and whithersoever he turned himself, he defeated them. And he gathered a force, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters *were these*; the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal: and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel. And the war was violent against the Philistines all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

CHAP. XV.—And Samuel said unto Saul, "Jehovah sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel; now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of Jehovah. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, 'I have observed what Amalek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that he hath, and spare him not: but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.'"

Then Saul summoned the people, and mustered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and placed an ambush in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, "Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. And Saul smote Amalek from Havilah *until* thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. And he took Agag the king of Amalek alive, and utterly destroyed all the people

with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared 9 Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and those of the second quality, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing worthless or diseased, that they destroyed utterly.

Then came the word of Jehovah unto Samuel, saying, 10 "It repenteth me that I have made Saul king; for he is 11 turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments." And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto Jehovah all night. And when Samuel rose early to 12 meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a trophy, and hath gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal."

And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said unto him, 13 "Blessed be thou of Jehovah: I have performed the commandment of Jehovah." And Samuel said, "What then 14 is this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" And Saul said, "They have 15 brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." Then Samuel said unto Saul, "Stay, and I will tell thee what 16 Jehovah hath said to me this night." And he said unto him, "Say on."

And Samuel said, "When thou wast little in thine own 17 sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and Jehovah anointed thee king over Israel? And Jehovah 18 sent thee on the way, and said, 'Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' Wherefore then didst thou not hearken to the 19 voice of Jehovah, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of Jehovah?" And Saul said unto Samuel, 20 "Yea, I have hearkened to the voice of Jehovah, and have gone the way which Jehovah sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and the Amalekites I have utterly destroyed; but the people took of the spoil, 21 sheep and oxen, the chief of the things devoted, to sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God in Gilgal."

And Samuel said, "Hath Jehovah *as great* delight in 22 burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams; for rebellion is *as* the sin of 23 divination, and stubbornness *as* iniquity and idolatry. Be-

cause thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, he hath also
24 rejected thee from *being* king." And Saul said unto Samuel,
"I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment
of Jehovah, and thy words; because I feared the people,
25 and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon
my sin, and return with me, that I may worship Jehovah."

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, "I will not return with
thee; for thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, and Je-
27 hovah hath rejected thee from being king over Israel." And
as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the
28 skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him,
"Jehovah hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this
day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine that is better
29 than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor
30 repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent." Then
he said, "I have sinned; *yet* honour me now, I pray thee,
before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and return
with me, that I may worship Jehovah thy God."

31 So Samuel returned after Saul; and Saul worshipped Je-
hovah.

32 Then said Samuel, "Bring ye hither to me Agag the king
of Amalek." And Agag came unto him cheerfully; for
33 Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past." And
Samuel said, "As thy sword hath made women childless, so
shall thy mother be childless among women." And Samuel
hewed Agag in pieces before Jehovah in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his
35 house to Gibeah of Saul. And Samuel came no more to
see Saul until the day of his death; nevertheless Samuel
mourned for Saul: and Jehovah repented that he had made
Saul king over Israel.

1 CHAP. XVI.—And Jehovah said unto Samuel, "How
long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him
from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go,
I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite; for I have pro-
2 vided me a king among his sons." And Samuel said, "How
can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me." And Jehovah
said, "Take a heifer with thee, and say, 'I am come to
3 sacrifice to Jehovah:' and call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I
will make known to thee what thou shalt do; and thou shalt
anoint for me him whom I shall name unto thee."

4 And Samuel did that which Jehovah spake, and came to

Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled to meet him, and said, "Comest thou *in* peace?" And he said, 5 "*In* peace; I am come to sacrifice unto Jehovah; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked 6 on Eliab, and said, "Surely the anointed of Jehovah is before him." But Jehovah said unto Samuel, "Look not on his 7 countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *Jehovah seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him 8 pass before Samuel: and he said, "Neither hath Jehovah chosen this." Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by: and 9 he said, "Neither hath Jehovah chosen this." Thus, Jesse 10 made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel: and Samuel said unto Jesse, "Jehovah hath not chosen these."

And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Are these all the young 11 men?" And he said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down *to eat* till he come hither." And he sent, and brought him 12 in. Now he was ruddy, *and had* beautiful eyes, and was goodly to look upon. And Jehovah said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, 13 and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the spirit of Jehovah came upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

But the spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul, and an 14 evil spirit from Jehovah troubled him. And Saul's servants 15 said unto him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee: let our lord now command thy servants before 16 thee, to seek out a man who is a cunning player on the harp; and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well." And Saul said unto his servants, "Provide 17 me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me." Then answered one of the servants, and said, "Behold, I 18 have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in speech, and a comely person, and Jehovah is with him." Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and 19 said, "Send me David thy son, who is with the sheep."

20 And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a skin of wine,
 21 and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. And
 David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved
 22 him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer. And Saul
 sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David, I pray thee, stand before
 23 me; for he hath found favour in my sight." And it came to
 pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that
 David took a harp, and played with his hand; so Saul
 was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from
 him.

1 CHAP. XVII.—Now the Philistines gathered together
 their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh,
 which *belongeth* to Judah, and encamped between Shochoh
 2 and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. And Saul and the men
 of Israel were gathered together, and encamped by the
 valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philis-
 3 tines. And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one
 side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side; and
 the valley was between them.

4 And there came forth a champion out of the camp of the
 Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six
 5 cubits and a span. And he had a helmet of brass upon
 his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the
 weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.
 6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a javelin of
 7 brass between his shoulders. And the shaft of his spear
 was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six
 hundred shekels of iron; and one bearing the shield went
 8 before him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of
 Israel, and said unto them, "Why are ye come out to draw
 up in battle array? am not I the Philistine, and ye servants
 to Saul? choose you a man, and let him come down to me.
 9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we
 be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill
 10 him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us." And the
 Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give
 11 me a man, that we may fight together." And when Saul
 and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were
 dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-
 judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons; and
 the man was old in the days of Saul, being advanced in

years. And the three eldest sons of Jesse followed Saul to 13 the battle; and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were, Eliab the first-born, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. And David was the youngest: 14 and the three eldest followed Saul; but David went back 15 from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. And 16 the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself, for forty days.

And Jesse said unto David his son, "Take now for thy 17 brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren; and carry these ten 18 portions of cheese unto the captain of *their* thousand, and enquire how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge."

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in 19 the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. And 20 David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the barrier, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. And Israel and 21 the Philistines drew up in battle array, army against army. And David left the things *he had* with him in the hand of 22 a keeper of the things, and ran into the army, and came and asked his brethren how they fared. And as he talked with 23 them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words; and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, 24 fled from him, and were greatly afraid.

And the men of Israel said, "Have ye seen this man that 25 is come up? truly to defy Israel is he come up; and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel."

And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, 26 "What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" And the people answered him after this 27 manner, saying, "So shall it be done to the man that killeth him."

And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto 28 the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why camest thou down hither? and with whom

hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the wickedness of thine heart; for thou art
29 come down that thou mightest see the battle." And David said, "What have I now done? *May I not speak* a word?"
30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner; and the people answered him again after
31 the former manner. And they heard the words which David spake, and repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail within him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine."
33 And Saul said to David, "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou *art but* a youth,
34 and he a man of war from his youth." And David said unto Saul, "Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock;
35 and I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.
36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he
37 hath defied the armies of the living God." David said moreover, "Jehovah who delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said unto David, "Go, and Jehovah be with thee."

38 And Saul clothed David with his *own* garments, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head, and clothed him with
39 a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his garments; and he essayed to go, for he had not *yet* tried. Then David said unto Saul, "I cannot go in these; for I have
40 not tried *them*." And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in the pouch; and his sling was in his hand: and
41 he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on, drawing nigh unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, *and* had a
43 beautiful countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?" And
44 the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine

said to David, "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field."

Then said David to the Philistine, "Thou comest to me ⁴⁵ with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to thee in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will ⁴⁶ Jehovah deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly ⁴⁷ shall know that Jehovah saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is Jehovah's, and he will give you into our hands."

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came ⁴⁸ and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his ⁴⁹ hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the ground. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with ⁵⁰ a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; and there was no sword in the hand of David. Then David ran, and ⁵¹ stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith.

And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and ⁵² shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and as far as the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath, and Ekron. And the children of Israel returned ⁵³ from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their camp. And David took the head of the Philistine, and ⁵⁴ brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

And when Saul saw David go forth to meet the Philistine, ⁵⁵ he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As thy soul liveth, O king, I know not." And the king said, "Ask thou ⁵⁶ whose son the stripling is." And as David returned from ⁵⁷ the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. And Saul said to him, "Whose son art thou, young man?" ⁵⁸

And David answered, "I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite."

1 CHAP. XVIII.—And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his
2 own soul. And Saul took him that day, and would not let
3 him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own
4 soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* prospered; and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with rejoicing, and with triangles.
7 And the women sang one to another as they played, and said, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his tens
8 of thousands." And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed unto David tens of thousands, and to me they have ascribed
but thousands; and *what* can he have more but the king-
9 dom?" And Saul looked jealously on David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house; and David played with his hand, as at other times;
11 and there was a spear in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the spear; and he said, "I will smite David even to the wall."
But David turned away out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because Jehovah was with him, and had departed from Saul. Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him captain over a thousand; and
13 he went out and came in before the people. And David prospered in all his ways; and Jehovah was with him.
14 Wherefore when Saul saw that he prospered greatly, he was
15 afraid of him: but all Israel and Judah loved David, be-
16 cause he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, "Behold my elder daughter

Merab, her will I give thee to wife : only be thou valiant for me, and fight Jehovah's battles." For Saul said, "Let not my hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him." And David said unto Saul, "Who am I? ¹⁸ and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?" But it came to pass ¹⁹ at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Mehola-thite to wife.

And Michal Saul's daughter loved David ; and they told ²⁰ Saul, and the thing pleased him. And Saul said, "I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Wherefore Saul said to David the second time, "Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law." And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, ²² "Speak unto David secretly, and say, 'Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee ; now therefore be the king's son-in-law.'" And Saul's servants ²³ spake these words in the ears of David. And David said, "Seemeth it to you an easy *thing* to become the king's son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?" And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "In this manner ²⁴ spake David." And Saul said, "Thus shall ye say to ²⁵ David, 'The king desireth not any price, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies :'" but Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David ²⁶ these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law. And the days were not expired, when David arose and ²⁷ went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men ; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. And Saul saw and knew that Jehovah was with ²⁸ David ; and Michal Saul's daughter loved him. And Saul ²⁹ was yet the more afraid of David ; and Saul became David's enemy continually. And when the captains of the Philis- ³⁰ tines went forth, it came to pass, as often as they went forth, that David prospered more than all the servants of Saul ; so that his name was very precious.

CHAP. XIX.—And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and ¹ to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jona-

2 than Saul's son delighted much in David; and Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father seeketh to kill thee; now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself on the 3 morrow, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself; and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will speak of thee to my father; and what I see, that I will tell thee."

4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, "Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his deeds have been very good towards thee; 5 for he put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and Jehovah wrought a great deliverance for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice; wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?" 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan; and Saul 7 swore, "As Jehovah liveth, he shall not be slain." And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8 And there was war again; and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him.

9 And the evil spirit from Jehovah was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand: and David was 10 playing with his hand. And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the spear; but he rushed from the presence of Saul, and he smote the spear into the wall; and 11 David fled, and escaped that night. Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, "If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou wilt be 12 slain." So Michal let David down through the window; 13 and he went, and fled, and escaped. And Michal took *one* of the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goat's hair for its bolster, and covered it with the coverlet. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, 15 "He is sick." And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay 16 him." And when the messengers were come in, behold, *one* of the teraphim was in the bed, with a pillow of goat's hair 17 for its bolster. And Saul said unto Michal, "Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he

is escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said unto me, 'Let me go; why should I kill thee?'"

So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to 18 Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. And it was told 19 Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah." And 20 Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as their leader, the spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told 21 Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then went he also to Ramah, and 22 came to the great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And one said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah." And he went thither 23 to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God came upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he also put off his outer garment, 24 and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down unrobed all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

CHAP. XX.—And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, 1 and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done, and what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?" And he said unto 2 him, "God forbid; thou shalt not die; behold, my father will do nothing, either great or small, but that he will shew it me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so." And David sware moreover, and said, "Thy 3 father certainly knoweth that I have found favour in thine eyes; and he saith, 'Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved;' but truly as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." Then said Jona- 4 than unto David, "Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee."

And David said unto Jonathan, "Behold, to-morrow is the 5 new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third *day* at even. If thy father at all miss me, 6 then say, 'David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city; for there is a yearly sacrifice

7 there for all the family.' If he say thus, 'It is well;' thy
servant shall have peace; but if he be very wroth, *then* be
8 sure that evil is determined by him. Thus shalt thou deal
kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant
into a covenant of Jehovah with thee: notwithstanding, if
there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst
9 thou bring me to thy father?" And Jonathan said, "Far
be it from thee; for if I knew certainly that evil were de-
termined by my father to come upon thee, then would not
I tell it thee?"

10 Then said David to Jonathan, "Who shall tell me if thy
11 father answer thee roughly?" And Jonathan said unto
David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." And they
12 went out both of them into the field. And Jonathan said
unto David, "Jehovah, God of Israel—when I have sounded
my father about this time to-morrow, or the day after, and,
behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not
13 unto thee, and shew it thee—Jehovah do so and much more
to Jonathan; but if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then
I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go
in peace; and Jehovah be with thee, as he hath been with
14 my father. And thou shalt not *only* while yet I live shew
15 me the kindness of Jehovah, that I die not; but *also* thou
shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever; no,
not when Jehovah hath cut off the enemies of David every
16 one from the face of the earth." So Jonathan made a *cove-*
nant with the house of David, *saying*, "Let Jehovah even
17 require it at the hand of David's enemies." And Jonathan
caused David to swear again, because he loved him; for he
loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, "To-morrow is the new
moon; and thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be
19 empty. And on the third day thou shalt go down quickly,
and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself on the
20 day of the deed, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. And
I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I
21 shot at a mark. And, behold, I will send the lad, *saying*,
'Go, find the arrows.' If I expressly say unto the lad, 'Be-
hold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them;' then
come thou; for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as Je-
22 hovah liveth. But if I say thus unto the youth, 'Behold, the
arrows are beyond thee;' go thy way; for Jehovah hath sent
23 thee away. And *as to* the matter which thou and I have

spoken of, behold, Jehovah *is witness* between thee and me for ever."

So David hid himself in the field; and when the new 24 moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. And 25 the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. But Saul spake not 26 anything that day; for he thought, "Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean."

And it came to pass on the morrow, the second *day* of the 27 month, that David's place was empty; and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, "Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day?" And Jonathan 28 answered Saul, "David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Beth-lehem; and said, 'Let me go, I pray thee; for our family 29 hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren.' Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table."

Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he 30 said unto him, "Thou perverse rebellious son, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and to the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou 31 shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die." And 32 Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, "Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?" And 33 Saul cast the spear at him to smite him; whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to slay David. So 34 Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had reviled him.

And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went 35 out into the field as appointed with David, and a little lad with him. And he said unto his lad, "Run, find now the 36 arrows which I shoot." As the lad ran, he shot the arrow beyond him. And when the lad was come to the place 37 of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, "Is not the arrow beyond thee?" And 38 Jonathan cried after the lad, "Make speed, haste, stay not." And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan 39

40 and David knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, "Go, carry them to the city."

41 As soon as the lad was gone, David arose from the south side, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept 42 one with another, until David wept aloud. And Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of Jehovah, saying, "Jehovah be 1 *witness* between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever." And he arose and departed; and Jonathan went into the city.

1 CHAP. XXI.—Then David went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at meeting David, and said unto him, "Why art thou alone, and no man with 2 thee?" And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, "The king hath charged me with a matter, and hath said unto me, 'Let no man know any thing of the matter about which I send thee, and with which I have charged thee;' and I have 3 appointed *my* servants to a certain place. Now therefore what is there under thy hand? give *me* five *loaves* of bread 4 in my hand, or what there is present." And the priest answered David, and said, "*There is* no common bread under my hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men 5 have kept themselves only from women." And David answered the priest, and said unto him, "Of a truth women *have been* withheld from us for three days past, since I came out; and the vessels of the young men are holy; and *if* it is a profane action, yet will it this day be right through the 6 agent *thereof*." So the priest gave him hallowed *bread*: for there was no bread there but the shew-bread, that was taken from before Jehovah, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before Jehovah; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chief of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ahimelech, "And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my *other* weapons with me, because the king's 9 business required haste." And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is *here* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod;

if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other save that here." And David said, "There is none like that; give it me."

And David arose, and fled that day before Saul, and went 10 to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said 11 unto him, "Is not this David, the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, 'Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands?'" And David laid up these words in his heart, and was greatly 12 afraid of Achish the king of Gath. And he changed his 13 behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and made marks on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. Then said Achish unto 14 his servants, "Lo, ye see the man is mad; wherefore have ye brought him to me? Have I need of mad-men, that ye 15 have brought this *man* to play the mad-man in my presence? shall this *man* come into my house?"

CHAP. XXII.—David therefore departed thence, and 1 escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. And every one in distress, and every one that was in 2 debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them; and there were with him about four hundred men.

And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said 3 unto the king of Moab, "Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me." And he brought them before the king of 4 Moab; and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the fastness. And the prophet Gad said unto David, 5 "Abide not in the fastness; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah." Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men 6 that were with him, (now Saul was sitting at Gibeah under the tamarisk tree upon the height, and his spear was in his hand, and all his servants were standing beside him;) then 7 Saul said unto his servants that stood beside him, "Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give all of you fields and vineyards, *and* make all of you captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; that all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that

my son hath made a covenant with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"

9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, "I saw the son of Jesse come to
10 Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And he enquired of Jehovah for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were
12 in Nob; and they came all of them to the king. And Saul said, "Hear now, thou son of Ahitub." And he answered,
13 "Here I am, my lord." And Saul said unto him, "Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie
14 in wait, as at this day?" Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, "And who among all thy servants is so faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and hath access to private audience of thee, and is honoured in thine
15 house? Did I that day begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me; let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father; for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more."

16 And the king said, "Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house."

17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood beside him, "Turn, and slay the priests of Jehovah; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me." But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of Jehovah.

18 Then the king said to Doeg, "Turn thou, and fall upon the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons
19 that did wear a linen ephod. And Nob, the city of the priests, he smote with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub,
21 named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the priests of Jehovah.
22 And David said unto Abiathar, "I knew it on that day, when

Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul : I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy father's house. Abide thou with me, fear not ; for he that seeketh my ²³ life seeketh thy life ; but with me thou shalt be in safety."

CHAP. XXIII.—Then they told David, saying, "Behold, ¹ the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors." Therefore David enquired of Jehovah, saying, ² "Shall I go and smite these Philistines?" And Jehovah said unto David, "Go and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah." And David's men said unto him, "Behold, we are ³ afraid here in Judah ; how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?" Then David ⁴ enquired of Jehovah yet again : and Jehovah answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah ; for I will deliver the Philistines into thy hand." So David and his men went to ⁵ Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech ⁶ fled to David to Keilah, that he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. ⁷ And Saul said, "God hath delivered him into my hand ; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars." And Saul called all the people together to war, to go ⁸ down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

And David knew that Saul was devising evil against him ; ⁹ and he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring hither the ephod." Then said David, "O Jehovah God of Israel, thy servant hath ¹⁰ certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. Will the men of Keilah deliver ¹¹ me up into his hand ? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard ? O Jehovah God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant." And Jehovah said, "He will come down." Then ¹² said David, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul ?" And Jehovah said, "They will deliver *thee*."

Then David and his men, about six hundred men, arose ¹³ and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah ; and he forbore to go forth. And David re- ¹⁴ mained in the wilderness in fastnesses, and remained on a

mountain in the wilderness of Ziph : and Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life :
16 and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood,
17 and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, "Fear not ; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee ; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next
18 unto thee ; and that also Saul my father knoweth." And they two made a covenant before Jehovah : and David remained in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 Then came up Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, "Doth not David hide himself with us in fastnesses in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of the desert ?
20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down ; and our part shall be to deliver
21 him into the king's hand." And Saul said, "Blessed be ye
22 of Jehovah ; for ye have compassion on me. Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there ; for it is told me that he
23 dealeth very craftily. See therefore, and take knowledge of all the hiding-places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you ; and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search
24 him out throughout all the thousands of Judah." And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul.

But David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon,
25 in the plain to the south of the desert. Then Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David : wherefore he came down from the rock, and remained in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David
26 in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain : and David made haste to get away before Saul ; for Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men to
27 take them. But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, "Haste thee, and come ; for the Philistines have invaded the
28 land." Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines ; therefore they called that place
29 Sela-hammahlekoth [Rock of Escapes]. And David went up from thence, and remained in the fastnesses of En-gedi.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—And it came to pass, when Saul had

returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, 2 and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. And he came to the sheep-cotes, by the way, 3 where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men were remaining in the inner part of the cave. And the men of David said unto him, "Behold the 4 day of which Jehovah said unto thee, 'Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thy hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.'" Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off the skirt of Saul's robe. And he said unto his men, "Jehovah 6 forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the anointed of Jehovah, to stretch forth my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of Jehovah." So David stayed his men with 7 these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul: but Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.

Then David arose afterward, and went out of the cave, 8 and cried after Saul, saying, "My lord the king." And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. And David said to Saul, 9 "Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, 'Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?' Behold, this day thine eyes have 10 seen how that Jehovah had delivered thee to-day into my hand in the cave; and *some* bade *me* kill thee; but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the anointed of Jehovah.' Moreover, 11 my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. Jehovah judge be- 12 tween me and thee, and Jehovah avenge me of thee; but my hand shall not be upon thee. As saith the proverb of 13 the ancients, 'Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked:' but my hand shall not be upon thee. After whom is the 14 king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea! Jehovah therefore be 15 judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and do me justice at thy hand."

And it came to pass, when David had made an end of 16

speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, "Is this thy voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice, and
 17 wept. And he said to David, "Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast requited me good, whereas I have
 18 requited thee evil. And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me; forasmuch as when Jehovah had delivered me into thy hand, thou killedst me
 19 not. For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore Jehovah reward thee good for that thou
 20 hast done unto me this day. And now, behold, I know that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel
 21 shall be established in thy hand. Swear now therefore unto me by Jehovah, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's
 22 house." And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went to his house; but David and his men ascended into the fastness.

1 CHAP. XXV.—And Samuel died; and all the Israelites gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah.

And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of
 2 Paran. And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats; and he was
 3 shearing his sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful form; but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was
 4 of the house of Caleb. And David heard in the wilderness
 5 that Nabal was shearing his sheep. And David sent ten young men; and David said unto the young men, "Go ye up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name; and thus shall ye say *to him*, 'Long life! peace be to thee, and peace to thine house, and peace to all that thou hast.'
 7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers; now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught missing to them, all the while they were in
 8 Carmel. Ask thy young men, and they will tell thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes; for we come on a good day; give, I pray thee, whatsoever thy hand findeth to thy servants, and to thy son David."
 9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal

according to all these words in the name of David, and ¹⁰ rested. And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants in these days that break away every man from his master. Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and ¹¹ my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men of whom I know not whence they are?" So David's ¹² young men turned back on their way, and returned, and came and told him all these words. And David said unto ¹³ his men, "Gird ye on every man his sword." And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred remained by the things.

But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, ¹⁴ saying, "Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. But the ¹⁵ men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we went about with them, when we were in the field: they were a wall unto us both by ¹⁶ night and day, as long as we were with them keeping the sheep. Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; ¹⁷ for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household; for he is *such* a son of Belial, that no one can speak to him."

Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, ¹⁸ and two skins of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. And ¹⁹ she said unto her servants, "Go on before me; behold I come after you." But she told not her husband Nabal. And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by ²⁰ the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

Now David had said, "Surely in vain have I kept all that ²¹ this *man* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that was his; and he hath returned me evil for good. So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I ²² leave of all that he hath by the morning light even the meanest man."

And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and alighted off ²³ the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and fell at his feet, and said, "Upon me, my ²⁴ lord, *upon* me be the offence; and let thy handmaid, I pray

thee, speak in thine ears, and hear the words of thy hand-
25 maid. Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of
Belial, *even* Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal [FOOL]
is his name, and folly is with him; but I thy handmaid saw
26 not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. Now
therefore, my lord, as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth,
seeing Jehovah hath withholden thee from coming to *shed*
blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now
let thine enemies, and them that seek evil to my lord, be as
27 Nabal. And now this present which thy handmaid hath
brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young
28 men that follow my lord. I pray thee, forgive the trespass
of thy handmaid; for Jehovah will certainly make my
lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of
Jehovah, and evil shall not be found in thee *all* thy days.
29 And should a man rise up to pursue thee, and to seek thy
soul, the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of
life with Jehovah thy God; and the souls of thine enemies,
30 them shall he sling out, *as from* the middle of a sling. And
it shall come to pass, when Jehovah shall have done to my
lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concern-
ing thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;
31 that this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart
unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood without a
cause, or that my lord hath avenged himself; but when Je-
hovah shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember
thy handmaid."

32 And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be Jehovah God of
33 Israel, who sent thee this day to meet me: and blessed be
thy advice, and blessed be thou, who hast kept me this day
from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with
34 mine own hand. For in very deed, as Jehovah God of Is-
rael liveth, who hath kept me back from hurting thee,
unless thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there
had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light even the
35 meanest man." So David received of her hand that which
she had brought him, and said unto her, "Go up in peace
to thy house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have
accepted thy person."

36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast
in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was
merry within him, for he was very drunken; wherefore she
37 told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. But

it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone. And 38 it came to pass about ten days *after*, that Jehovah smote Nabal, that he died. And when David heard that Nabal was 39 dead, he said, "Blessed be Jehovah, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach at the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil ; for Jehovah hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head."

And David sent and spake with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. And when the servants of David were come to 40 Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, "David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife." And she arose, 41 and bowed herself with *her* face to the ground, and said, "Behold, *let* thy handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." And Abigail hastened, and arose, 42 and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went beside her ; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel ; and 43 they were also both of them his wives. But Saul had given 44 Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.—And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gi- 1 beah, saying, "Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, before the desert?" Then Saul arose, and went 2 down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul encamped on the hill of Hachilah, 3 which is before the desert, on the way. But David remained in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. David therefore sent out spies, and knew 4 that Saul had come into a certain *place*.

And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had 5 encamped ; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host ; and Saul lay at the barrier, and the people were encamped round about him. Then spake David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, 6 and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with thee."

So David and Abishai came to the people by night : and, 7 behold, Saul lay sleeping at the barrier, and his spear stuck

in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay
 8 round about him. Then said Abishai to David, "God hath
 delivered thine enemy into thy hand this day; now there-
 fore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the
 earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time."

9 And David said to Abishai, "Destroy him not; for who can
 stretch forth his hand against the anointed of Jehovah, and
 10 be guiltless?" David said moreover, "*No!* as Jehovah
 liveth; Jehovah shall smite him; either his day shall come
 11 to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. Je-
 hovah forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against
 the anointed of Jehovah: but now take, I pray thee, the
 spear that is at his head, and the cruse of water, and let us
 12 go." So David took the spear and the cruse of water at
 Saul's head; and they got away again, and no man saw it,
 nor knew it, neither awoke: for they were all asleep; be-
 cause a deep sleep from Jehovah had fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the
 top of the hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:
 14 and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner,
 saying, "Answerest thou not, Abner?" Then Abner an-
 swered and said, "Who art thou that criest to the king?"
 15 And David said to Abner, "Art not thou a man? and who
 is like thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not
 guarded thy lord the king? for there went one of the people
 16 in to destroy the king thy lord. This thing is not good that
 thou hast done. As Jehovah liveth, ye are worthy to die,
 because ye have not guarded your master, the anointed of
 Jehovah. And now see where the king's spear is, and the
 cruse of water that was at his head."

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, "Is this thy
 voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice,
 18 my lord, O king." And he said, "Wherefore doth my lord
 thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or
 19 what evil is in mine hand? Now therefore, I pray thee, let
 my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If Je-
 hovah have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an
 offering; but if *it be* the children of men, cursed be they
 before Jehovah; for they have driven me out this day from
 abiding in the inheritance of Jehovah, saying, 'Go, serve
 20 other gods.' Now therefore let not my blood fall to the
 ground before the face of Jehovah; for the king of Israel is

come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge on the mountains."

Then said Saul, "I have sinned; return, my son David; 21 for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have acted foolishly, and have erred exceedingly." And David answered and 22 said, "Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it. Jehovah will render to every 23 man his righteousness and his faithfulness; for Jehovah delivered thee into my hand to-day, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the anointed of Jehovah. And, 24 behold, as thy life was greatly valued this day in mine eyes, so let my life be greatly valued in the eyes of Jehovah, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation." Then Saul said 25 to David, "Blessed be thou, my son David; thou shalt both do great deeds, and also be very powerful." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.—And David said in his heart, "I shall 1 now perish one day by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; then Saul will despair of me, to seek me any more in all the territory of Israel; so shall I escape out of his hand." And David arose, and passed over, he and six hun- 2 dred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath. And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he 3 and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. And it was told Saul that David 4 was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

And David said unto Achish, "If I have now found 5 favour in thine eyes, let them give me a place in one of the towns in the country, that I may dwell there; for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?" Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag 6 pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day. And 7 the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months.

And David and his men went up, and invaded the 8 Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites; for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. And David 9

smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.
 10 And Achish said, "Whither have ye made an inroad to-day?" And David said, "Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the
 11 Kenites." And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *them* to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell of us, saying, 'So did David:'" and so his manner was all the
 12 time he dwelt in the country of the Philistines. And Achish believed David, saying, "He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever."

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, "Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to
 2 battle, thou and thy men." And David said to Achish, "Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Therefore will I make thee keeper of my head continually."

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away the necromancers, and the wizards, out of
 4 the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem: and Saul gathered
 5 all Israel together, and they encamped in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid,
 6 and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of Jehovah, Jehovah answered him not, neither by dreams,
 7 nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, "Seek me a woman skilled in necromancy, that I may go to her, and enquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a woman skilled in necromancy, at En-dor."

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, "I pray thee, divine for me by necromancy, and bring me up him whom I shall
 9 name unto thee." And the woman said unto him, "Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off the necromancers, and the wizards, out of the land;

wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?" And Saul sware to her by Jehovah, saying, 10 "As Jehovah liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing." Then said the woman, "Whom shall I 11 bring up for thee?" And he said, "Bring me up Samuel."

And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud 12 voice; and the woman spake to Saul, saying, "Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul." And the king said 13 unto her, "Be not afraid; but what sawest thou?" And the woman said unto Saul, "I saw a god ascending out of the earth." And he said unto her, "What is his form?" 14 And she said, "An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle." And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

And Samuel said to Saul, "Why hast thou disquieted me, 15 to bring me up?" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do." Then 16 said Samuel, "Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing Jehovah hath departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? And Jehovah hath done as he spake by me; for 17 Jehovah hath rent the kingdom out of thy hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David; because thou 18 obeyedst not the voice of Jehovah, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath Jehovah done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover Jehovah will also deliver 19 Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines; and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me; Jehovah also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."

Then Saul fell straightway all his length on the ground, 20 and was greatly afraid, because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. And the woman came unto 21 Saul, and saw that he was greatly troubled, and said unto him, "Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. Now therefore, I pray thee, 22 hearken thou also unto the voice of thy handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou

23 mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way." But he refused, and said, "I will not eat." But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the ground, and sat upon
 24 the bed. And the woman had a fatted calf in the house; and she made haste to kill it, and took flour, and kneaded it,
 25 and did bake unleavened bread thereof: and she set them before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

1 CHAP. XXIX.—Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites encamped by a
 2 fountain which is in Jezreel. And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; but David
 3 and his men passed on in the rear with Achish. Then said the captains of the Philistines, "What *do* these Hebrews *here*?" And Achish said unto the captains of the Philistines, "Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who hath been so long with me, and I have found no fault in him since he came over *to me* unto this day?"
 4 And the captains of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the captains of the Philistines said unto him, "Make the man return, that he may go back to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us; for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? will it not
 5 be with the heads of these men? Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, 'Saul slew his thousands, and David his tens of thousands?'"
 6 Then Achish called David, and said unto him, "Surely, as Jehovah liveth, thou art upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the camp is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee
 7 not. Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou dis-
 8 please not the lords of the Philistines." And David said unto Achish, "But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of
 9 my lord the king?" And Achish answered and said to David, "I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God; nevertheless the captains of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'

Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's 10 servants that are come with thee ; and as soon as ye are up in the morning, and have light, depart."

So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morn- 11 ing, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAP. XXX.—And it came to pass, when David and his 1 men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire ; and had taken the women captives, 2 that were therein ; they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them off, and went on their way. So David 3 and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire ; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the people that 4 were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken 5 captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed ; 6 for the people spake of stoning him, because all the people were grieved in soul, every man for his sons and for his daughters : but David strengthened himself in Jehovah his God.

And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahime- 7 lech, "I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. And David enquired of 8 Jehovah, saying, "Shall I pursue after this troop ? shall I overtake them ?" And he answered him, "Pursue ; for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover *all*." So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with 9 him, and came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed : but David pursued, he and four hundred 10 men ; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought 11 him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat ; and they made him drink water ; and they gave him a piece of a 12 cake of figs, and two bunches of raisins : and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him ; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights. And David said unto him, "To whom belongest thou ? and 13 whence art thou ?" And he said, "I am a young man of

- Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me,
14 because three days ago I fell sick. We invaded the south of the Cherethites, and *the territory* which belongeth to Judah, and the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.”
- 15 And David said to him, “Canst thou bring me down to this troop?” And he said, “Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this troop.”
- 16 And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread over all the land, eating, and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the
17 land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. And David smote them from the dawn even unto the evening of the next day; and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels and fled.
- 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried
19 away; and David recovered his two wives. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had
20 taken; David restored all. And David took all the flocks and the herds; they drove these cattle before *him*, and said, “This is David’s spoil.”
- 21 And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Besor; and they came forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him; and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.
- 22 Then answered all the wicked men, and *men* of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, “Because they went not with us, we will not give them of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that
23 they may lead them away and depart.” Then said David, “Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which Jehovah hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the
24 troop that came against us into our hand. For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarryeth
25 by the baggage; they shall share alike.” And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.
- 26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, “Be-

hold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of Jehovah ; to them that were in Beth-el, and to them that were 27 in Ramoth-Negeb, and to them that were in Jattir, and to 28 them that were in Aroer, and to them that were in Siphmoth, and to them that were in Eshtemoa, and to them that 29 were in Raahal, and to them that were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them that were in the cities of the Kenites, and to them that were in Hormah, and to them 30 that were in Chor-ashan, and to them that were in Athach, and to them that were in Hebron, and to all the places where 31 David himself and his men were wont to go.

CHAP. XXXI.—Now the Philistines fought against Is- 1 rael : and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. And the Philistines 2 followed closely upon Saul and upon his sons ; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchi-shua, Saul's sons. And the battle was hard against Saul, and the 3 archers hit him ; and he was sorely wounded by the archers. Then said Saul unto his armour-bearer, "Draw thy sword, 4 and thrust me through therewith ; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me." But his armour-bearer would not ; for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took the sword, and fell upon it. And when his 5 armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. So Saul died, and his three 6 sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

And when the men of Israel that were on the other side 7 of the valley, and *they* that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled ; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines 8 came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on mount Gilboa. And they cut off his head, 9 and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it* in the house of their idols, and among the people. And they put his armour in 10 the house of Ashtaroth ; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard of that 11

¹² which the Philistines had done to Saul, all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, from the wall of Beth-shan, and came ¹³ to Jabesh, and burnt them there. And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

CHAP. I.—Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, ¹ when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, that David remained two days in Ziklag. And it came ² to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his garments rent, and earth upon his head; and when he came to David, he fell to the ground, and did obeisance. And David said unto him, ³ “From whence comest thou?” And he said unto him, “Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.” And David ⁴ said unto him, “How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me.” And he answered, that the people had fled from the battle, and many of the people also were fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son were dead also.

And David said unto the young man that told him, “How ⁵ knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?” And the young man that told him said, “As I happened to ⁶ be upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed closely after him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto ⁷ me. And I answered, ‘Here am I.’ And he said unto me, ⁸ ‘Who art thou?’ And I answered him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’ He said unto me again, ‘Stand, I pray thee, upon ⁹ me, and slay me; for faintness hath seized me; for my life is yet whole in me.’ So I stood upon him, and slew him, ¹⁰ because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen; and I took the crown that was upon his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.”

Then David took hold of his garments, and rent them; ¹¹

12 and likewise all the men that were with him : and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of Jehovah, and for the house of Israel ; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 And David said unto the young man that told him, " Whence art thou ? " And he answered, " I am the son of
14 a stranger, an Amalekite. " And David said unto him, " How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thy hand to
15 destroy the anointed of Jehovah ? " And David called one of the young men, and said, " Draw near, *and* fall upon
16 him. " And he smote him that he died. And David said unto him, " Thy blood be upon thy head ; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, ' I have slain the anointed of Jehovah. ' "

17 And David lamented *with* this lamentation over Saul and
18 over Jonathan his son (he also bade them teach the children of Judah *the song of* the bow ; behold, it is written in the book of Jasher) :—

19 The antelope, O Israel, is slain on thy high places ;
How are the mighty fallen !
20 Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the streets of Askelon,
Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew,
Neither rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings :
For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away,
The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the
mighty,
The bow of Jonathan turned not back,
And the sword of Saul returned not empty.
23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided ;
They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than
lions.
24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet, delightfully,
Who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle !
O Jonathan, slain on thy high places,
26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan :

Very pleasant hast thou been unto me ;
Wonderful was thy love to me, surpassing the love of
women.

How are the mighty fallen,

27

And the weapons of war perished !

CHAP. II.—And it came to pass after this, that David ¹ enquired of Jehovah, saying, “ Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah ? ” And Jehovah said unto him, “ Go up.” And David said, “ Whither shall I go up ? ” And he said, “ Unto Hebron.” So David went up thither, and his ² two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail, wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And his men that were with him ³ did David bring up, every man with his household ; and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah ⁴ came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, “ The men of Jabesh-gilead *were they* that buried Saul.” And David sent messengers ⁵ unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto him, “ Blessed be ye of Jehovah, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him. And now ⁶ Jehovah shew kindness and truth unto you ; and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye ⁷ valiant ; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.”

But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul’s host, took ⁸ Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim ; and made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashur- ⁹ ites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ish-bosheth Saul’s son was forty years ¹⁰ old when he became king over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. And the ¹¹ time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish- ¹² bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, ¹³ went out ; and they met together by the pool of Gibeon : and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. And Abner said to ¹⁴ Joab, “ Let the young men now arise, and play before us.”

15 And Joab said, "Let them arise." Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, who *belonged* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkath-hazzarim
17 [FIELD OF ADVERSARIES], which is in Gibeon. And there was a very hard battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

18 And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was light of foot as a wild antelope. And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. Then Abner looked behind him, and said,
21 "Art thou Asahel?" And he answered, "I am." And Abner said to him, "Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take his armour." But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. And Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn thee aside from following me; wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?" Howbeit he refused to turn aside; wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him in the belly, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that all who came to the place where Asahel fell down and died
24 stood still. And Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner; and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. Then Abner called to Joab, and said, "Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, before thou bid the people return from following their
27 brethren?" And Joab said, "As God liveth, hadst thou not spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother." So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over the Jordan, and went through

all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim. And Joab re- 30
turned from following Abner: and when he had gathered
all the people together, there were missing of David's ser-
vants nineteen men and Asahel. But the servants of David 31
had smitten of Benjamin, among Abner's men, three hun-
dred and threescore men, *and* they were dead. And they 32
took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his
father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men
went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.—Now the war was long between the house 1
of Saul and the house of David; but David grew stronger
and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.
And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his first- 2
born was Amnon, of Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess; and his 3
second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite;
and the third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of
Talmai king of Geshur; and the fourth, Adonijah the son 4
of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5
and the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were
born to David in Hebron.

And it came to pass, while there was war between the 6
house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner adhered
to the house of Saul. Now Saul had a concubine, whose 7
name was Rizpah, the daughter of Ahiah: and *Ish-bosheth*
said to Abner, "Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my
father's concubine?" Then was Abner very wroth for the 8
words of Ish-bosheth, and said, "Am I a dog's head of
Judah? I do shew kindness this day unto the house of
Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have
not delivered thee into the hand of David; and wilt thou
charge me this day with a fault concerning this woman? So 9
do God to Abner, and more also! as Jehovah hath sworn to
David, even so will I do to him; to transfer the kingdom 10
from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David
over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba."
And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he 11
feared him.

And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, 12
"Whose is the land?" saying *also*, "Make thy covenant with
me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring over
all Israel unto thee." And he said, "Well; I will make a 13
covenant with thee; but one thing I require of thee, that is,

- Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face." And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, "Give up my wife Michal, whom I espoused to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines." And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Phaltiel the son of Laish. And her husband went along with her weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, "Go, return." And he returned.
- And Abner communicated with the elders of Israel, saying, "Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: now then do *it*; for Jehovah hath spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.'" And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. And when Abner came to David to Hebron, with twenty men, David made a feast for Abner and the men that were with him.
- And Abner said unto David, "I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth." And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.
- And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from an expedition, and brought in a great spoil with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace." Then Joab came to the king, and said, "What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest."
- And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him again from the well of Sirah; but David knew it not. And when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there in the belly, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

And afterward when David heard it, he said, "I and my 28 kingdom are guiltless before Jehovah for ever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner: let it rest on the head of Joab, 29 and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread." Thus Joab and Abishai his brother slew 30 Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were 31 with him, "Rend your garments, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner." And king David followed behind the bier. And they buried Abner in Hebron: and 32 the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. And the king lamented over Abner, 33 and said,

"Died Abner as a fool dieth?

Thy hands were not bound,

34

Nor thy feet put into fetters;

As a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou."

And all the people wept again over him. And when all 35 the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day, David sware, saying, "So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, before the sun go down." And all the people took notice *of it*, and it pleased them; as 36 whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. And all the 37 people and all Israel knew that day that it was not *the will* of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

And the king said unto his servants, "Know ye not that 38 there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these 39 men the sons of Zeruiah are too hard for me: Jehovah shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness."

CHAP. IV.—And when the son of Saul heard that 1 Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. And the son of Saul had two 2 men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Reehab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin; and the Beerothites 3 fled to Gittaim, and are sojourners there until this day).

And Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son that was lame 4

in his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan, out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled; and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. And they came thither into the midst of the house, to fetch wheat; and they smote him in the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went away through the plain all night. And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, "Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, who sought thy life; and Jehovah hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed."

9 And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, "As Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, when one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' (thinking that he brought good tidings,) I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who thought that I would give him a reward for his tidings: how much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous man in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?" And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron. ;

1 CHAP. V.—Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, "Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Even in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel; and Jehovah said to thee, 'Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before Jehovah; and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years

old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In 5
Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months;
and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all
Israel and Judah.

And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the 6
Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. And they spake
unto David, saying, "Thou shalt not come in hither; but
the blind and the lame shall repel thee;" meaning, David
cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong- 7
hold of Zion; the same is the city of David. And David 8
said on that day, "Whosoever getteth up to the watercourse,
and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that*
are hated of David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain.*"
Wherefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come
into the house."

So David dwelt in the strong-hold, and called it the city of 9
David. And David built round about from Millo and in-
ward. And David became continually greater, and Jehovah 10
God of hosts was with him.

And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and 11
cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built
David a house. And David knew that Jehovah had esta- 12
blished him to be king over Israel, and that he had exalted
his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

And David took more concubines and wives out of Jeru- 13
salem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were more
sons and daughters born to David. And these are the names 14
of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammuah,
and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, and Ibhar, and 15
Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, and Elishama, and Eliada, 16
and Eliphalet.

And when the Philistines heard that they had anointed 17
David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek
David; and David heard of it, and went down to the de-
fences. The Philistines also came and spread themselves in 18
the valley of Rephaim. And David enquired of Jehovah, 19
saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt thou
deliver them into my hand?" And Jehovah said unto
David, "Go up, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into
thy hand." And David came to Baal-perazim, and David 20
smote them there, and said, "Jehovah hath broken forth
upon mine enemies before me, as the breaking forth of

waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-
 21 perazim [PLACE OF DEFEATS]. And there they left their
 images, and David and his men took them away.

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread them-
 23 selves in the valley of Rephaim. And when David enquired
 of Jehovah, he said, "Thou shalt not go up; *but* turn
 round into their rear, and come upon them over against the
 24 balsam trees. And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of
 marching in the tops of the balsam trees, that then thou
 shalt bestir thyself; for then shall Jehovah go forth before
 25 thee, to smite the host of the Philistines." And David did
 so, as Jehovah had commanded him; and smote the Philis-
 tines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

1 CHAP. VI.—And David again gathered together all the
 2 chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose,
 and went with all the people that were with him from Baale
 of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, at which
 the name, the name of Jehovah of hosts that dwelleth *be-*
tween the cherubim, is invoked.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new waggon, and
 brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was on the
 hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the
 4 new waggon. And they brought it out of the house of
 Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of
 5 God: and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all the
 house of Israel played before Jehovah on all manner of *in-*
struments of fir wood, and on harps, and on psalteries, and
 on tabrets, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah
 put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it;
 7 for the oxen shook it. And the anger of Jehovah was
 kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his
 8 error; and there he died by the ark of God. And David
 was angry, because Jehovah had broken forth upon Uzzah:
 and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah [DEFEAT
 OF UZZAH] to this day.

9 And David was afraid of Jehovah that day, and said,
 10 "How shall the ark of Jehovah come to me?" So David
 would not remove the ark of Jehovah unto him into the
 city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of
 11 Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of Jehovah remained

in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; and Jehovah blessed Obed-edom, and all his household.

And it was told king David, saying, "Jehovah hath ¹² blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he hath, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David, with gladness. And it was so, that when they ¹³ that bare the ark of Jehovah had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before Jehovah ¹⁴ with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of ¹⁵ Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

And as the ark of Jehovah came into the city of David, ¹⁶ Michal Saul's daughter looked through the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before Jehovah; and she despised him in her heart.

And they brought in the ark of Jehovah, and set it in ¹⁷ its place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Jehovah. And as soon as David had made ¹⁸ an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah of hosts. And ¹⁹ he dealt among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to every one a cake of bread, and a measure of wine, and a raisin-cake. So all the people departed every one to his house.

And when David returned to salute his household, Michal ²⁰ the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the worthless uncovereth himself!" And David ²¹ said unto Michal, "*It was* before Jehovah, who chose me in place of thy father, and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of Jehovah, over Israel; therefore did I dance before Jehovah. And I will be yet more vile than this, and ²² will be abased in thy sight; but of the handmaids whom thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour." Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the ²³ day of her death.

CHAP. VII.—And it came to pass, when the king sat in ¹ his house, and Jehovah had given him rest from all his ene-

2 mies round about ; that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of
3 God dwelleth within curtains." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in thy heart, for Jehovah is with thee."

4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of Jehovah
5 came unto Nathan, saying, "Go and tell my servant David,
6 'Thus saith Jehovah, Shalt thou build a house for me to
7 dwell in?—whereas I have not dwelt in a house since the
8 time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt,
9 even to this day, but have continued in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all *the places* wherein I have continued with all
10 the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes
11 of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not for me a house of cedar?' Now therefore
12 thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, 'Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I took thee from the shepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel ;
13 and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies before thee, and have made thee a great
14 name, like unto the name of the great *men* that are in the
15 earth. Moreover I have appointed a place for my people Israel, and planted them, that they may dwell in their own
16 place, and be disturbed no more ; and that the children of
17 wickedness may not afflict them any more, as beforetime, and
18 as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel ; and I have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Jehovah therefore telleth thee that Jehovah will make
19 thee a house : when thy days shall be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee,
20 which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will confirm
21 his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I
22 will confirm the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be
23 his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes
24 of the children of men : but my mercy shall not depart
25 away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thy house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee ; thy throne shall be confirmed
26 for ever.' " According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

27 Then went king David in, and sat before Jehovah, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord Jehovah ? and what is my house,

that thou hast brought me thus far? But this was yet a 19
small thing in thy sight, O Lord Jehovah; and thou hast
spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come.
And this is the manner of man, O Lord Jehovah. And what 20
can David say more unto thee? for thou knowest thy ser-
vant, O Lord Jehovah. For thy word's sake, and according to 21
thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to
make thy servant know *them*. Wherefore thou art great, O 22
Jehovah God; for there is none like thee, and no God beside
thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, like 23
Israel, whom God came to redeem for a people to himself,
and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and
terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeem-
edst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?
For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a 24
people unto thee for ever: and thou, O Jehovah, art become
their God. And now, O Jehovah God, the word that thou hast 25
spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house,
establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said. And let thy 26
name be magnified for ever, saying, 'Jehovah of hosts is
God over Israel;' and let the house of thy servant David be
confirmed before thee. For thou, O Jehovah of hosts, God 27
of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, 'I will build
thee a house;' therefore hath thy servant found in his heart
to pray this prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord Jehovah, 28
thou art God, and thy words will be truth, and thou hast
promised this goodness unto thy servant; therefore now let 29
it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may
continue for ever before thee; for thou, O Lord Jehovah, hast
spoken it; and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant
be blessed for ever."

CHAP. VIII.—And after this it came to pass, that David 1
smote the Philistines, and subdued them; and David took
their chief city out of the hand of the Philistines. And he 2
smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them
down to the ground; even two lines he measured to put to
death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites
became David's servants, and brought gifts.

David smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of 3
Zobah, as he went to recover his power at the river Euphrates.
And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred 4

horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen : and David houghed
 5 all the chariot-horses, but reserved a hundred of them. And
 when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer
 king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty
 6 thousand men. Then David put garrisons in Syria of Da-
 mascus ; and the Syrians became servants to David, *and*
 brought gifts. And Jehovah made David victorious whither-
 7 soever he went. And David took the shields of gold that
 were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to
 8 Jerusalem. And from Bethah, and from Berothai, cities of
 Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 And when Toi king of Hamath heard that David had
 10 smitten all the host of Hadadezer, Toi sent Joram his son
 unto king David, to ask after his welfare, and to salute him,
 because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him :
 for Toi was at war with Hadadezer. And *Joram* brought
 with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of
 11 brass ; which also king David did dedicate unto Jehovah,
 with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations
 12 which he subdued ; of Syria, and of Moab, and of the chil-
 dren of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and
 of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 And David made himself a name when he returned from
 smiting the Syrians in the valley of salt, eighteen thousand
 14 men. And he put garrisons in Edom ; throughout all Edom
 he put garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's ser-
 vants. And Jehovah made David victorious whithersoever
 he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel ; and David executed
 16 judgment and justice for all his people. And Joab the son
 of Zeruiah was over the host ; and Jehoshaphat the son
 17 of Ahilud was recorder ; and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and
 Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests ; and Seraiah
 18 was scribe ; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both
 the lictors and the harbingers ; and sons of David were
 priests.

1 CHAP. IX.—And David said, “ Is there yet any that is
 left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for
 2 Jonathan's sake ? ” And there was of the house of Saul a
 servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called
 him unto David, the king said unto him, “ Art thou Ziba ? ”
 3 And he said, “ Thy servant is he. ” And the king said, “ Is

there not yet any of the house of Saul that I may shew the kindness of God unto him?" And Ziba said unto the king, "There is yet a son of Jonathan, *who is* lame in his feet." And the king said unto him, "Where is he?" 4 And Ziba said unto the king, "Behold he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar." Then king 5 David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son 6 of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he answered, "Behold thy servant!" And David said unto 7 him, "Fear not; for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually." And he bowed himself and said, "What is 8 thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?"

Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto 9 him, "I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. Thou therefore shalt till the 10 land for him, thou and thy sons, and thy servants, and thou shalt bring in *the produce*, that thy master's son may have food to eat; but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread continually at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, "Ac- 11 cording to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," *said the king*, "he shall eat at my table as one of the king's sons." And Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was 12 Micah. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jeru- 13 salem; for he did eat continually at the king's table; and he was lame in both his feet.

CHAP. X.—And it came to pass after this, that the king 1 of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. Then said David, "I will shew kindness unto 2 Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me." And David sent to comfort him for his father, by the hand of his servants. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. And the captains of the 3 children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, "Thinkest

thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?" Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *even* to their loins, and sent them away. When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, "Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return."

And when the children of Ammon saw that they were abhorred by David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and king Maacah, *with* a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men.

And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and Rehob, and the men of Tob, and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians; and the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon. And he said, "If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. Be of good courage, and let us shew ourselves men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and Jehovah will do that which seemeth him good."

And Joab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and Shobach, the captain of the host of Hadarezer, *went* before them. And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed

over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men* 18 of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there. And when all the kings *that were* servants to 19 Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.—And it came to pass, at the return of the year, 1 at the time when the kings came forth, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

And it came to pass at eventide, that David arose from off 2 his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent 3 and enquired after the woman. And they said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" And David sent messengers, and took her; and 4 she came in unto him, and he lay with her; and she purified herself from her uncleanness, and returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and 5 said, "I am with child." And David sent to Joab, *saying*, 6 "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

And when Uriah was come unto him, David asked how 7 Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, "Go down to thy house, 8 and wash thy feet." And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But 9 Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. And 10 when they had told David, saying, "Uriah went not down unto his house," David said unto Uriah, "Camest thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thy house?" And Uriah said unto David, "The ark, and 11 Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I

12 will not do this thing." And David said to Uriah, "Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart." So
13 Uriah tarried in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. And David called him in, and he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a
15 letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set ye Uriah in the front of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die."

16 And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men
17 were. And the men of the city came out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning
19 the war; and charged the messenger, saying, "When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the
20 king, and if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, 'Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from
21 the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall?' then say thou, 'Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

22 So the messenger went, and came and told David all that
23 Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said unto David, "Because the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, we withstood them even unto the entering of
24 the gate: and the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants are dead, and thy
25 servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." Then David said unto the messenger, "Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, 'Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another; make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it:' and encourage thou him."

26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband
27 was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased Jehovah:—

CHAP. XII.—And Jehovah sent Nathan unto David. 1 And he came unto him, and said unto him, “There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich 2 man had exceeding many flocks and herds: but the poor man 3 had nothing, save one little ewe-lamb, which he had bought and nourished up; and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, 4 and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man’s lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.”

And David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man; 5 and he said to Nathan, “As Jehovah liveth, the man that hath done this thing deserveth to die; and he shall restore 6 the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

And Nathan said to David, “Thou art the man. Thus saith 7 Jehovah God of Israel, ‘I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; and I gave thee thy 8 master’s house, and thy master’s wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given thee other such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of 9 Jehovah, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thy house; 10 because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.’ Thus saith Jehovah, ‘Be- 11 hold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them to thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun: for thou didst it secretly; but I will do this thing 12 before all Israel, and before the sun.’”

And David said unto Nathan, “I have sinned against Je- 13 hovah.” And Nathan said unto David, “Jehovah also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by 14 this deed thou hast given occasion to the enemies of Jehovah to blaspheme, the son also that is born unto thee shall surely die.” And Nathan departed unto his house. 15

And Jehovah struck the child that Uriah’s wife bare unto

16 David, and it was very sick. David, therefore, besought God
for the boy; and David fasted and went in, and lay all night
17 upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, *and came*
to him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not,
18 neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on
the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of
David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they
said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto
him, and he would not hearken unto our voice; how shall
we then tell him that the child is dead?—for he may do *some*
19 evil." But when David saw that his servants whispered,
David perceived that the child was dead; therefore David
said unto his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said,
20 "He is dead." Then David arose from the earth, and
washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and
went into the house of Jehovah, and worshipped: then he
came to his own house; and when he required, they set
21 bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants
unto him, "What thing is this that thou hast done? thou
didst fast and weep for the child, *while* alive; but when the
22 child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread." And he
said, "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for
I said, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me,
23 that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore
should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to
him, but he shall not return to me."

24 And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in
unto her, and lay with her; and she bare a son, and he called
25 his name Solomon: and Jehovah loved him. And he sent
by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name
Jedidiah [BELOVED OF JEHOVAH], because of Jehovah.

26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Am-
27 mon, and took the royal city. And Joab sent messengers to
David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and have
28 taken the city of waters. Now therefore gather the rest of
the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it;
29 lest I take the city, and it be called after my name." And
David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah,
30 and fought against it, and took it. And he took their king's
crown from off his head, the weight thereof was a talent of
gold and precious stones; and it was *set* on David's head.

And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abund-
31 ance. And he brought forth the people that were therein,

and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. XIII.—And it came to pass after this, that ¹ Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. And ² Amnon grieved, so that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and it was difficult in the sight of Amnon to do anything to her. But Amnon had a friend, whose ³ name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother; and Jonadab was a very cunning man. And he said unto ⁴ him, "Why art thou, the king's son, thus lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me?" And Amnon said unto him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister." And Jona- ⁵ dab said unto him, "Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign thyself sick; and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, 'I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.'"

So Amnon lay down, and feigned himself sick: and when ⁶ the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, "I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand." Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go now to thy ⁷ brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat." So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. And she took a pan, and ⁹ poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Let all men go out from me." And they went out every man from him.

And Amnon said unto Tamar, "Bring the meat into the ¹⁰ chamber, that I may eat at thy hand." And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she had brought them ¹¹ unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, "Come lie with me, my sister." And she answered him, ¹² "Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel; do not thou this folly. And I, whither ¹³ shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be

as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee." Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice; but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, "Arise, be gone." And she said unto him, "Be not the cause of an evil, by sending me away, greater than the other that thou hast done unto me." But he would not hearken unto her. Then he called his servant that attended him, and said, "Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her." And she had a long-shaped garment upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her long-shaped garment that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. And Absalom her brother said unto her, "Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister; he is thy brother; regard not this thing." So Tamar remained and was solitary in her brother Absalom's house.

But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the king's sons. And Absalom came to the king, and said, "Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant." And the king said to Absalom, "Nay, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome unto thee." And he pressed him; howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. Then said Absalom, "If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said unto him, "Why should he go with thee?" But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I

say unto you, 'Smite Amnon;' then kill him, fear not; have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant." And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom 29 had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man mounted upon his mule, and fled.

And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that 30 tidings came to David, saying, "Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left." Then the 31 king arose, and rent his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. And Jona- 32 dab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appoint- ment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. Now therefore let not my 33 lord the king take the thing to his heart, supposing that all the king's sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead." But 34 Absalom fled.

And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people from the way behind him, from the hill side. And Jonadab said unto 35 the king, "Behold, the king's sons come; as thy servant said, so it is." And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an 36 end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept; and the king also and all his servants wept very sorely.

But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammi- 37 hud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.

So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three 38 years. And king David ceased to go forth against Absalom; 39 for he was comforted concerning the death of Amnon.

CHAP. XIV.—Then Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that 1 the king's heart was *again* toward Absalom. And Joab sent 2 to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, "I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for one dead; and come to the king, and speak in this manner unto 3 him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she 4 fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said,

5 "Help, O king." And the king said unto her, "What aileth thee?" And she answered, "Truly I am a widow woman, 6 and my husband is dead. And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other and 7 killed him. And, behold, the whole family is risen against thy handmaid, and they said, 'Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also:' and so they shall quench my coal which is left, so as not to leave to my husband name or remainder upon the earth."

8 And the king said unto the woman, "Go to thy house, 9 and I will give charge concerning thee." And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, "My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and the king and 10 his throne be guiltless." And the king said, "Whosoever speaketh against thee, bring him to me, and he shall not 11 touch thee any more." Then said she, "I pray thee, let the king remember Jehovah thy God, that the avenger of blood may not destroy any more, lest they destroy my son." And he said, "As Jehovah liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the ground."

12 Then the woman said, "Let thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak a word unto my lord the king." And he said, 13 "Say on." And the woman said, "Wherefore then hast thou thought thus against the people of God? for since the king doth speak this word, *he is* as one guilty, in that the 14 king doth not bring back his banished *son*. For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: neither doth God take away life; but he deviseth means, that he drive not from him one 15 that is banished. Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid; and thy handmaid said, 'I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will grant 16 the request of his handmaid: for the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of 17 God.' And thy handmaid said, 'The word of my lord the king shall now be *my* consolation;' for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king, to discern good and evil; therefore Jehovah thy God be with thee."

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, "Hide

not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king now speak." And the king said, "Is *not* the hand of Joab with thee in 19 all this?" And the woman answered and said, "As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken; for thy servant Joab he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thy handmaid: to change 20 the appearance of the matter hath thy servant Joab done this thing; and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth."

And the king said unto Joab, "Behold now, I have done 21 this thing; go therefore, bring the young man Absalom back." And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, 22 and blessed the king: and Joab said, "To day thy servant knoweth that I have found favour in thy sight, my Lord, O king, in that the king hath granted the request of his servant." So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought 23 Absalom to Jerusalem. And the king said, "Let him turn 24 to his own house, and let him not see my face:" so Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

Now in all Israel there was not a man so beautiful as Ab- 25 salom; so that they praised him greatly: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. And when he shaved his head, (for it was from year 26 to year that he shaved it; because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he shaved it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. And unto 27 Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a beautiful countenance.

So Absalom dwelt two years in Jerusalem, and saw not 28 the king's face. Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have 29 sent him to the king; but he would not come to him; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. Therefore he said unto his servants, "See, Joab's field is 30 near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire." And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. Then Joab 31 arose, and came to Absalom unto *his* house, and said unto him, "Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?" And Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent unto thee, say- 32 ing, 'Come hither, that I may send thee to the king,' to say, 'Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it were better for me

were I still there;’ now therefore let me see the king’s face;
33 and if there be iniquity in me, let him kill me.” So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

- 1 CHAP. XV.—And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and when it happened that any man that had a suit came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, “Of what city art thou?” And he said,
3 “Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.” And Absalom said unto him, “See, thy matters are good and right;
4 but there is no man from the king to hear thee.” Absalom said moreover, “Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man that hath any suit or cause might come unto
5 me, and I would do him justice!” And when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his
6 hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him. And in this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
- 7 And it came to pass after four years, that Absalom said unto the king, “I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto Jehovah, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If Jehovah shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve Jehovah.” And the king said unto him, “Go in peace.” So he arose, and went to Hebron.
- 10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then
11 ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.” And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were summoned; and they went in their integrity, and they knew
12 not anything. And Absalom sent *for* Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.
- 13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, “The
14 hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.” And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem,

"Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us speedily, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword." And the king's servants said unto the king, 15 "Behold, thy servants are we in whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint." And the king went forth, and all his 16 household after him. And the king left ten women, that were concubines, to keep the house.

And the king went forth, and all the people after him, 17 and halted in Beth-merhak. And all his servants passed 18 on beside him; and all the lieters, and all the harbingers, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. Then said the king 19 to Ittai the Gittite, "Wherefore goest thou also with us? return, and abide with the king; for thou art a stranger, and also an exile from thy place. Thou camest *but* yesterday, 20 and shall I this day make thee wander about with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee." And Ittai an- 21 swered the king, and said, "As Jehovah liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be." And David said to Ittai, "Go and pass 22 over." And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. And all the 23 country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, 24 bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. And the king said unto 25 Zadok, "Carry back the ark of God into the city; if I shall find favour in the eyes of Jehovah, he will bring me back, and let me *again* see it, and its habitation: but if he thus say, 26 'I have no delight in thee;' behold, *here am I*, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him." The king said also unto 27 Zadok the priest, "Seest thou? return into the city in peace, and Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar, your two sons, with you. See, I will linger in the 28 plains of the wilderness, until there come word from you to inform me." Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark 29 of God back to Jerusalem, and tarried there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of Olivet, weeping as he went up; and his head was covered, and he went bare-foot: and all the people that were with him covered every
 31 man his head, and went up, weeping as they went up. And one told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O Jehovah, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

32 And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite
 33 met him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: unto whom David said, "If thou passest on with me, then thou
 34 shalt be a burden unto me; but if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, 'I will be thy servant, O king; *as I have been* thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant:' then mayest thou defeat for me the counsel of
 35 Ahithophel. And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that every thing that thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell
 36 it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto
 37 me every thing that ye can hear." So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

1 CHAP. XVI.—And when David was a little past the top of Olivet, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred
 2 loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred fig-cakes, and a skin of wine. And the king said unto Ziba, "What meanest thou by these?" And Ziba said, "The asses are for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and fig-cakes for the young men to eat; and the wine
 3 for such as are faint in the wilderness to drink." And the king said, "And where is thy master's son?" And Ziba said unto the king, "Behold, he abideth in Jerusalem; for he said, 'To day shall the house of Israel restore me the
 4 kingdom of my father.'" Then said the king to Ziba, "Behold, thine are all that belonged to Mephibosheth." And Ziba said, "I humbly beseech thee that I may find favour in thy sight, my lord, O king."

5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed

as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the 6 servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And 7 thus said Shimei when he cursed, "Go forth, go forth, thou man of blood, and thou man of Belial; Jehovah hath re- 8 turned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and Jehovah hath given the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art in thy misfortune because thou art a man of blood."

Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, 9 "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head." And the king 10 said, "What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because Jehovah hath said unto him, 'Curse David:' who then shall say, 'Wherefore hast thou done so?'" And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, "Behold, 11 my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life; how much more now a Benjamite! let him alone, and let him curse; for Jehovah hath bidden him. It may be that 12 Jehovah will look on mine affliction, and that Jehovah will requite me good for his cursing this day." And as David 13 and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. And the king, and all the 14 people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came 15 to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to 16 pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, "Long live the king, Long live the king." And Absalom said to 17 Hushai, "Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?" And Hushai said unto Ab- 18 salom, "Nay; but whom Jehovah, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. And again, whom should I serve? *should I* not 19 *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence."

Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, "Give counsel among 20 you what we shall do." And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, 21 "Go in unto thy father's concubines, whom he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art ab-

horred by thy father ; then shall the hands of all that are
 22 with thee be strong.” So they spread Absalom a tent upon
 the top of the house ; and Absalom went in unto his father’s
 23 concubines in the sight of all Israel. And the counsel of
 Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a
 man had enquired at the oracle of God : so was all the
 counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

1 CHAP. XVII.—Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom,
 “ Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will
 2 arise and pursue after David this night : and I will come upon
 him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him
 afraid : and all the people that are with him shall flee ; and
 3 I will smite the king only : and I will bring back all the
 people unto thee : the man whom thou seekest is as if all re-
 4 turned ; so all the people shall be in peace.” And the saying
 5 pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. Then
 said Absalom, “ Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us
 hear likewise what he saith.”
 6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake
 unto him, saying, “ Ahithophel hath spoken after this man-
 ner : shall we do *after* his saying ? if not, speak thou.”
 7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, “ The counsel that Ahi-
 8 thophel hath given is not good at this time.” And Hushai
 said, “ Thou knowest thy father and his men, that they are
 mighty men, and they are fierce, as a bear robbed of her
 whelps in the field ; and thy father is a man of war, and will
 9 not lodge with the people. Behold, he is hid now in some
 pit, or in some *other* place ; and it will come to pass, when
 some of them fall at the first, that whosoever heareth it will
 say, ‘ There is a slaughter among the people that follow Ab-
 10 salom.’ And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the
 heart of a lion, shall utterly melt ; for all Israel knoweth
 that thy father is a mighty man, and they which are with him
 11 are valiant men. But I counsel that all Israel be gathered
 together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the
 sand that is by the sea for multitude ; and that thou go to
 12 battle in thine own person. So shall we come upon him in
 some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon
 him as the dew falleth on the ground ; and of him and of
 all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much
 13 as one. Moreover, if he be withdrawn into a city, then
 shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it

into the river, until there be not one small stone found there."

And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The ¹⁴ counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For Jehovah had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that Jehovah might bring evil upon Absalom.

Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, ¹⁵ "Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. Now ¹⁶ therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, 'Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but pass over; lest the king be destroyed, and all the people that are with him.'"

Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; and the ¹⁷ damsel went and told them; and they went and told king David: for they might not be seen to come into the city: but a lad saw them, and told Absalom; but they went both ¹⁸ of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim; and he had a well in his court, into which they went down. And the woman took and laid the cover over ¹⁹ the mouth of the well, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. And when Absalom's servants ²⁰ came to the woman to the house, they said, "Where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And the woman said unto them, "They are gone over the brook of water." And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, after they were departed, that ²¹ they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, "Arise, and pass quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you." Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and ²² they passed over the Jordan; by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over the Jordan.

And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and went home to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed ²⁴ over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. And ²⁵ Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab; and Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra the Israelite, that went in to Abigail, the daughter of Nahash,

26 sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother. So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and
28 Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and
29 parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*, and honey, and curdled milk, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat; for they said, "The people are hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness."

1 CHAP. XVIII.—And David mustered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto
3 the people, "I will go forth with you myself also." But the people answered, "Thou shalt not go forth; for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but thou art as ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the
4 city." And the king said unto them, "What seemeth to you best I will do." And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king charged Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Gently for my sake with the young man, with Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and
7 the battle was in the wood of Ephraim. And the people of Israel were slain there before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand
8 men. For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country; and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught in the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the
10 mule that was under him passed on. And a certain man

saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak." And Joab said unto the man that told 11 him, "And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle." And the man said 12 unto Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in my hand, *yet* would I not put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Take care, every one, of the young man Absalom.' But if I had wrought false- 13 hood against mine own life, there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*." Then said Joab, "I may not tarry thus with thee." 14 And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. And ten young men that bare Joab's 15 armour turned and smote Absalom, and slew him.

And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from 16 pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people. And 17 they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him; and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up for 18 himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale; for he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance;" and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day Absalom's monument.

Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, "Let me now run, 19 and bear the king tidings, how that Jehovah hath avenged him of his enemies." And Joab said unto him, "Thou 20 shalt not be a bearer of tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt not bear tidings, because the king's son is dead." Then said Joab to 21 Cushi, "Go tell the king what thou hast seen." And Cushi bowed himself to Joab, and ran. Then said Ahimaaz the 22 son of Zadok yet again to Joab, "But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi." And Joab said, "Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no acceptable tidings?" "But howsoever," *he said*, "let me run." 23 And he said unto him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.

Now David was sitting between the two gates; and the 24 watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall,

and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the king.

And the king said, "If he be alone there is tidings in his mouth." And he came on and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, "Behold *another* man running alone." And the king said, "He also bringeth tidings."

And the watchman said, "Methinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings."

And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, "All is well." And he bowed down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, "Blessed be Jehovah thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand

against my lord the king." And the king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I

saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was." And the king said unto him, "Turn aside, and stand here." And he

turned aside, and stood. And, behold, Cushie came; and Cushie said, "Tidings, my lord the king; for Jehovah hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee."

And the king said unto Cushie, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Cushie answered, "The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that

young man is." And the king was much moved and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

1 CHAP. XIX.—And it was told Joab, "Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom." And the victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people; for the people heard that day how the king was grieved for his son.

And the people stole away that day and went into the city, as people steal away ashamed when they flee in battle. But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons

and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; in that thou lovest those who hate 6 thee, and hatest those who love thee. For thou hast declared this day that thou regardest neither captains nor servants; for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had been right in thine eyes. Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak kindly unto 7 thy servants; for I swear by Jehovah, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night; and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath befallen thee from thy youth until now." Then the king arose, and sat in 8 the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, "Behold, the king is sitting in the gate." And all the people came before the king; for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes 9 of Israel, saying, "The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land on account of Absalom. And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead 10 in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?"

And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the 11 priests, saying, "Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, to his house. Ye are my brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh; 12 wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?' And 13 say ye to Amasa, 'Art thou not my bone, and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.'" And he 14 swayed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man; so that they sent unto the king, saying, "Return thou, and all thy servants." So the king returned, and came to the 15 Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over the Jordan.

And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of 16 Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons, and his twenty servants with him; and they went through the Jordan before the king. And the 18 ferry-boat went over to carry over the king's household, and to do as he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell

down before the king, when he was come over the Jordan ;
19 and said unto the king, " Let not my lord impute iniquity
unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant
did wickedly the day that my lord the king went out of
20 Jerusalem, so that the king should give heed to it. For thy
servant doth know that I have sinned ; therefore, behold, I
am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go
21 down to meet my lord the king." But Abishai the son of
Zeruiah answered and said, " Shall not Shimei be put to
death for this, because he cursed the anointed of Jehovah ?"
22 And David said, " What have I to do with you, ye sons of
Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me ? shall
there any man be put to death this day in Israel ? for do not
23 I know that I am this day king over Israel ?" Therefore the
king said unto Shimei, " Thou shalt not die : " and the king
sware unto him.

24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet
the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his
beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed
25 until the day he came *again* in safety. And it came to pass
when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the
king said unto him, " Wherefore wentest not thou with me,
26 Mephibosheth ? " And he answered, " My lord, O king, my
servant deceived me ; for thy servant said, I will saddle my
ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king ; because
27 thy servant is lame. And he hath slandered thy servant
unto my lord the king : but my lord the king is as an angel
28 of God ; do therefore what is good in thine eyes. For all of
my father's house were but dead men before my lord the
king ; yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat
at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to com-
29 plain any more unto the king ? " And the king said unto him,
" Why speakest thou any more of thy matters ? I have said,
30 Thou and Ziba divide the land." And Mephibosheth said
unto the king, " Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my
lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house."

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and
went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the
32 Jordan. Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore
years old : and he had provided sustenance for the king
while he lay at Mahanaim ; for he was a very great man.
33 And the king said unto Barzillai, " Come thou over with me,
34 and I will provide for thee with me in Jerusalem." And

Barzillai said unto the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? I am this 35 day fourscore years old: can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? Thy servant will go a little way over 36 the Jordan with the king: and why should the king reward me with such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray thee, 37 turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, near the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham shall go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee." And the 38 king answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him what shall seem good unto thee; and whatsoever thou shalt desire of me, that will I do for thee." And all the 39 people went over the Jordan. And when the king had gone over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place. Then the king went on to Gil- 40 gal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said 41 unto the king, "Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over the Jordan?" And all 42 the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is near of kin to us; wherefore then are ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost*? or hath he given us any gift?" And the men of Israel an- 43 swered the men of Judah, and said, "We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye; why then have ye despised us? and was not our advice the first to bring back our king?" And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAP. XX.—And there happened to be there a man of 1 Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Ben-jamite; and he blew a trumpet, and said, "We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel." So every man of Israel 2 went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem ; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and supported them, but went not in unto them. So they were secluded unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Amasa, " Assemble me the men of
5 Judah within three days, and be thou here present." So Amasa went to assemble Judah ; but he delayed longer than
6 the set time which he had appointed him. And David said to Abishai, " Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than Absalom ; take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape
7 us." And there went out after him Joab's men, and the lictors, and the harbingers, and all the mighty men : and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof ; and as
9 he went forth it fell out. And Joab said to Amasa, " Is it well with thee, my brother ?" And Joab took Amasa by
10 the beard with the right hand to kiss him. But Amasa observed not the sword that was in Joab's hand ; so he smote him therewith in the belly, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again ; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of
11 Bichri. And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, " He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, *let him go*
12 after Joab." And Amasa was weltering in his blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a covering over him, when he saw that
13 every one that came by him stood still. When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites ; and they were
15 gathered together, and went also after him. And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a siege-mound against the city, and it stood by the rampart ; and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.

Then cried a wise woman out of the city, "Hear, hear; 16 say, I pray you, unto Joab, 'Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.'" And when he was come near unto her, 17 the woman said, "Art thou Joab?" And he answered, "I am he." Then she said unto him, "Hear the words of thy handmaid." And he answered, "I do hear." Then she 18 spake, saying, "They should first have spoken, saying, 'They shall surely ask at Abel:' and so they had ended *the matter*. I am *one of* the peaceable *and* faithful in Israel: thou seek- 19 est to destroy a city and a mother in Israel; why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of Jehovah?"

And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from 20 me, that I should swallow up or destroy. The matter is not 21 so; but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said unto Joab, "Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall."

Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom; 22 and they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

Now Joab was over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah the 23 son of Jehoiada was over the lieters, and over the harbingers; and Adoram was over the tribute-service; and Je- 24 hoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; and Sheva 25 was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar priests: and Ira also 26 the Jairite was a priest to David.

CHAP. XXI.—Then there was a famine in the days of 1 David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of Jehovah. And Jehovah said, "It is for Saul, and for *his* house of blood, because he slew the Gibeonites." And 2 the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: but Saul sought to slay them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.)

And David said unto the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for 3 you? and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of Jehovah?" And the Gibeonites 4 said unto him, "We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor

of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel." And he said, "What ye shall say, that will I do for you." And they answered the king, "The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territory of Israel, let seven men of his sons be given unto us, and we will hang them up unto Jehovah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Jehovah." And the king said, "I will give them."

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the oath of Jehovah that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she

9 bare to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholahite; and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before Jehovah: and the seven

10 fell together, and were put to death in the first days of harvest, in the beginning of barley harvest. And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. And David went and took

12 the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the open space of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged

13 them, when the Philistines had slain Saul on Gilboa: and he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that

14 were hanged. And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son they buried in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father; and they did all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land.

15 And the Philistines had war yet again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought

16 with the Philistines: now David had grown feeble; and Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of Rapha, and the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he was girded with a new sword, and he thought to have

17 slain David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured

him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, "Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the lamp of Israel."

And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the sons of Rapha. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, slew Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was again a battle in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on each hand six fingers, and on each foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to Rapha. And he defied Israel, and Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. These four were born to Rapha in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXII.—And David spake unto Jehovah the words of this song, in the day that Jehovah delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: and he said,

"Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
 My God, my rock, in him will I trust:
 My shield, and the horn of my salvation,
 My high tower, and my refuge,
 My saviour, thou savest me from violence.
 I will call on Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised;
 So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
 For the waves of death encompassed me,
 Torrents of destruction made me afraid;
 The toils of the grave surrounded me,
 The snares of death surprised me.
 In my distress I called upon Jehovah, and cried to my God,
 And he heard my voice out of his temple,
 And my cry *entered* into his ears.
 Then the earth shook and trembled;
 The foundations of the heavens moved and shook, because
 he was wroth.
 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
 And fire out of his mouth devoured; coals were kindled
 by it.
 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;

- And darkness was under his feet.
11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly ;
And moved swiftly upon the wings of the wind.
12 And he made darkness *his* pavilion round about him,
The gathered waters, and thick clouds of the skies.
13 Through the brightness before him coals of fire were
kindled.
14 Jehovah thundered from heaven,
And the most High uttered his voice.
15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them ;
Lightning, and discomfited them.
16 And the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were laid bare,
At the rebuking of Jehovah, at the blast of the breath
of his nostrils.
17 He stretched forth *his hand* from above, he took me.
He drew me out of many waters,
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from them that
hated me ;
For they were too powerful for me.
19 They surprised me in the day of my calamity ;
But Jehovah was my stay.
20 He brought me forth also into a wide place ;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
21 Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness ;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
22 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all his judgments were before me ;
And *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.
24 But I was upright before him,
And kept myself from mine iniquity.
25 Therefore hath Jehovah recompensed me according to
my righteousness,
According to my cleanness in his sight.
26 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful ;
With the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.
27 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure ;
And with the froward thou wilt show thyself perverse.
28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save ;
But thine eyes are against the haughty, that thou mayest
bring them down.

- For thou art my lamp, O Jehovah ; 29
 And Jehovah will lighten my darkness.
 For by thee I have rushed against troops ; 30
 By my God have I leaped over walls.
As for God, his way is perfect ; 31
 The word of Jehovah is pure ;
 He is a shield to all them that trust in him.
 For who is God, save Jehovah ? 32
 And who is a rock, save our God ?
 God is my stronghold *and* strength ; 33
 And he sheweth the perfect his way.
 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet ; 34
 And setteth me upon my high places.
 He instructeth my hands for war ; 35
 So that my arms can bend a bow of brass.
 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation ; 36
 And thy kindness hath made me great.
 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me ; 37
 So that my feet did not slip.
 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them ; 38
 And turned not back until I had consumed them.
 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that 39
 they could not arise ;
 Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
 For thou hast girded me with strength for war ; 40
 Them that rose up against me thou hast subdued under
 me.
 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, 41
 That I might destroy them that hate me.
 They cried, but there was none to save ; 42
Even unto Jehovah, but he answered them not.
 Then did I beat them small as the dust of the earth, 43
 I crushed them as the mire of the street, I trampled
 them down.
 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my 44
 people,
 Thou hast preserved me to be head of the nations :
 A people which I knew not serve me,
 Sons of the stranger court me, 45
 As soon as they hear, they are obedient to me.
 Sons of the stranger fade away, 46
 And come forth trembling out of their strong places.
 Jehovah liveth ; and blessed be my rock ; 47

And exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation ;
 48 The God that avengeth me,
 And that casteth down the people under me,
 49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies :
 Thou also hast lifted me up above them that rose up
 against me ;
 Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
 50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah, among
 the nations,
 And I will sing praises unto thy name.
 51 He worketh great salvation for his king ;
 And sheweth mercy to his anointed,
 Unto David, and to his seed for ever."

1 CHAP. XXIII.—Now these are the last words of David,
 Uttered by the son of Jesse,
 Uttered by the man who was raised high,
 The anointed of the God of Jacob,
 And the sweet Psalmist of Israel :—
 2 "The spirit of Jehovah speaketh by me,
 And his word is on my tongue ;
 3 The God of Israel hath said,
 The rock of Israel hath spoken to me—
 'He that ruleth over men justly,
 Ruling in the fear of God,
 4 Shall be as the light of the morning,
When the sun riseth in a morning without clouds ;
As the tender grass springing out of the earth, from sun-
shine after rain.'
 5 For is not my house thus, with God ?
 For he hath made an everlasting covenant with me,
 Well-ordered in all things, and assured ;
 For will he not promote all my salvation and desire ?
 6 But the ungodly shall be all of them as thorns cast away,
 Because they cannot be taken with the hand ;
 7 But the man that shall touch them must be armed with
 iron and the shaft of the spear,
 And they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their*
 place."

8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David
 had: Jashobeam the Tachmonite, head of the chariot war-
 riors; the same lifted up his spear against eight hundred

slain at one time. And after him was Eleazar the son of 9
Dodo the son of Ahohi, *one* of the three mighty men with
David, when they defied the Philistines there gathered to-
gether to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: he 10
arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary,
and his hand clave unto the sword; and Jehovah wrought a
great victory that day; and the people returned after him
only to spoil.

And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hara- 11
rite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a band,
where was a piece of ground full of lentiles; and the people
fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the 12
ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and Je-
hovah wrought a great victory.

And three of the thirty chiefs went down, and came to 13
David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and a
band of the Philistines was encamped in the valley of Re-
phaim. And David was then in the fastness, and there was 14
a garrison of the Philistines then in Beth-lehem. And David 15
longed, and said, "Who will give me to drink of the water
of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate?" And the 16
three mighty men brake through the camp of the Philistines,
and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by
the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; and he would
not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jehovah. And he 17
said, "Be it far from me, O Jehovah, that I should do this: *is*
not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their
lives?" therefore he would not drink it. These things did
the three mighty men.

And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was 18
chief of three *others*. And he lifted up his spear against
three hundred slain, and had the name among the three.
He was the most honoured of the three, therefore he was 19
their captain; howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three.

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant 20
man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two
champions of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in
the midst of a pit in time of snow: and he slew an 21
Egyptian, a goodly man; and the Egyptian had a spear in
his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked
the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his
own spear.

These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a 22

23 name among three mighty men. He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David made him one of his council.

24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; El-
 25 hanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, Shammah the Haro-
 26 dite, Elika the Harodite, Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of
 27 Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the
 28 Hushathite, Zalmon the Ahohite, Mahari the Netophathite,
 29 Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of
 30 Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah
 31 the Pirathonite, Hiddai of Nachale-Gaash, Abi-albon the Ar-
 32 bathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of
 33 the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam
 34 the son of Sharar the Hararite, Eliphalet the son of Ahasbai,
 the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the
 36 Gilonite, Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, Igal the
 37 son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, Zelek the Ammo-
 nite, Nahari the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the son of
 39 Zeruiah, Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite, Uriah the Hittite,
 thirty and seven in all.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—And again the anger of Jehovah was
 kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to
 2 say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.” And the king said
 to Joab the captain of the host, who was with him, “Go now
 through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba,
 and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the
 3 people.” And Joab said unto the king, “Now Jehovah thy
 God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hun-
 dredfold, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it; but
 4 why doth my lord the king desire this thing?” Notwith-
 standing the king’s word prevailed against Joab, and against
 the captains of the host.

And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the
 5 presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. And
 they passed over Jordan, and encamped in Aroer, on the right
 side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the torrent of Gad
 6 and towards Jazer: then they came to Gilead, and to the
 land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and
 7 round to Sidon, and came to the fortified place of Tyre, and
 to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and
 8 they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba. So
 when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jeru-

saalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. And 9 Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king; and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered 10 the people. And David said unto Jehovah, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O Jehovah, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly." And when David arose in the morning, the 11 word of Jehovah came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, "Go and say unto David, 'Thus saith Jehovah, I 12 offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.'" So Gad came to David, and told him, and 13 said unto him, "Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days of pestilence in thy land? now consider, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me." And David said unto 14 Gad, "I am in great distress: let us fall now into the hand of Jehovah; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man."

So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morn- 15 ing even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba, seventy thousand men. And 16 when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, Jehovah repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, "It is enough; stay now thine hand."

And the angel of Jehovah was by the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto Jehovah 17 when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, "Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, be upon me, and upon my father's house."

And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, "Go 18 up, rear an altar unto Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite." And David, according to the saying 19 of Gad, went up as Jehovah commanded. And Araunah 20 looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him; and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king with his face toward the ground. And Araunah said, 21 "Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant?" And

David said, "To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar to Jehovah, that the plague may be stayed from the
22 people." And Araunah said unto David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him; behold, *here* are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing-machines, and
23 gear of the oxen for wood. All these things doth Araunah, O king, give unto the king." And Araunah said unto the
24 king, "Jehovah thy God accept thee." And the king said unto Araunah, "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer burnt offerings unto Jehovah my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty
25 shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto Jehovah, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So Jehovah was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

CHAP. I.—Now king David was old and stricken in 1 years; and they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat. And his servants said unto him, “Let a young maiden 2 be sought for my lord the king, and let her stand before the king, and let her be his companion; and let her lie in his bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.” So they 3 sought for a beautiful damsel throughout all the borders of Israel; and they found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. And the damsel was very beau- 4 tiful; and she became companion to the king, and ministered unto him; but the king knew her not.

And Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, 5 “I will be king;” and he procured chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his father had not 6 displeased him at any time, saying, “Why hast thou done thus?” And he was also exceeding comely; and *his mother* had borne him after Absalom. And he took counsel 7 with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest; and they helped Adonijah. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and David’s valiant men, were not with Adonijah. And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fatlings 9 by the stone of Zoheleth which is by En-rogel; and he invited all his brethren the king’s sons, and all the men of Judah the king’s servants. But Nathan the prophet, and 10 Benaiah, and the valiant men, and Solomon his brother, he did not invite.

Then spake Nathan unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solo- 11 mon, saying, “Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of

Haggith is become king, and David our lord knoweth it not ?
12 Now therefore come ; let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel,
that thou mayest save thine own life and the life of thy son
13 Solomon. Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto
him, ‘ Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thy hand-
maid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me,
and he shall sit upon my throne ? Why then is Adonijah be-
14 come king ?’ And behold whilst thou art yet speaking with
the king, I also will come in after thee, and will confirm thy
words.”

15 And Bath-sheba went in unto the king, into the chamber.
Now the king was very old ; and Abishag the Shunammite
16 ministered unto the king. And Bath-sheba bowed down
and did obeisance unto the king ; and the king said, “ What
17 wouldest thou ?” And she said unto him, “ My lord, thou
didst swear by Jehovah thy God unto thy handmaid, say-
ing, ‘ Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and
18 he shall sit upon my throne.’ And now behold Adonijah is
become king, and thou, my lord the king, knowest it not.
19 And he hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance ;
and hath invited all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the
priest, and Joab the captain of the host ; but Solomon thy
20 servant he hath not invited. And now my lord, O king, the
eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou mayest tell them
who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him.
21 Else will it come to pass that when my lord the king shall
sleep with his fathers, I and my son Solomon shall be
accounted offenders.”

22 And behold while she was yet speaking with the king,
23 Nathan the prophet also came. And they told the king, say-
ing, “ Behold, Nathan the prophet.” And he came into the
presence of the king, and bowed himself before the king
24 with his face to the ground. And Nathan said, “ My lord,
O king, hast thou said, ‘ Adonijah shall be king after me, and
25 he shall sit upon my throne ?’ For he is gone down this
day, and hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abund-
ance ; and hath invited all the king’s sons, and the captains
of the host, and Abiathar the priest ; and behold they are
eating and drinking before him and saying, ‘ Long live king
26 Adonijah !’ But me, even me, thy servant, and Zadok the
priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant
27 Solomon, he hath not invited. If this thing hath been done
by my lord the king, then thou hast not shown unto thy

servant who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him."

Then king David answered and said, "Call unto me Bath-sheba." And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king. And the king did swear and said, "As Jehovah liveth who hath redeemed my soul out of all distress, even as I did swear unto thee by Jehovah the God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon thy son shall be king after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead,' even so will I do this day." Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, "May my lord, king David, live for ever!"

And king David said, "Call unto me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada:" and they came into the presence of the king. And the king said unto them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there as king over Israel; and blow ye the trumpet, and say, 'Long live king Solomon!' And ye shall come up after him; and he shall come and sit upon my throne; and he shall be king in my stead; for I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah." And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, "Amen! May Jehovah the God of my lord the king say so. As Jehovah hath been with my lord the king, even so may he be with Solomon; yea may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David!"

So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thelictors and the harbingers, went down: and they caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon; and they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, "Long live king Solomon!" And all the people came up after him; and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it, when they had made an end of eating. And Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, and he said, "Wherefore is this noise of the city in an uproar?" And while he was yet speaking, behold Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, "Come in, for thou art

43 a valiant man and bringest good tidings." And Jonathan answered and said unto Adonijah, "Verily our lord king
 44 David hath made Solomon king: and the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the lictors and the harbingers; and
 45 they have caused him to ride on the king's mule: and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him as king in Gihon; and they are come up thence rejoicing, so that the city doth ring again: this is the noise that ye have heard.
 46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.
 47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, 'God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and his throne greater than thy throne!' and the
 48 king bowed himself upon his bed. And also the king said thus, 'Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, who hath given
 49 unto me one to sit upon my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.'"
 50 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid: and they rose up and went, every man his way.
 51 And Adonijah was afraid because of Solomon; and he arose and went and caught hold on the horns of the altar.
 52 And it was told unto Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah is afraid of king Solomon; for lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let king Solomon swear unto me this day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.'"
 53 And Solomon said, "If he will be a worthy man, not a hair of him shall fall to the ground: but if wickedness shall be found in him, then he shall die." So king Solomon sent and they brought him down from the altar: and he came and bowed himself before king Solomon; and Solomon said to him, "Go to thy house."

1 CHAP. II.—Now the days of David drew near that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, "I go the way of all the earth; but be thou strong and show thyself a man: and keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, walking in his ways, keeping his statutes and his commandments and his judgments and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses; that thou mayest prosper in all that thou
 2 doest, and every thing unto which thou turnest thyself: that Jehovah may fulfil his word which he spake concerning me, saying, 'If thy children take heed to their way, walking before me in truth, with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee a man to sit on the throne of Israel.'

Moreover thou knowest what Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto 5 me, and what he did unto the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner and unto Amasa the son of Jether; whom he slew; yea he shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and his sandals that were on his feet. Do 6 therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoary head go down to the grave in peace. But shew kindness 7 unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came to me when I fled before Absalom thy brother. And behold thou hast 8 with thee Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim; but he came down to meet me at the Jordan; and I swore to him by Jehovah, saying, 'I will not put thee to death with the sword.' But now hold him not guiltless; 9 for thou art a wise man and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; only his hoary head shalt thou bring down to the grave with blood."

So David slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the 10 city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel 11 were forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty and three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And Solo- 12 mon sat upon the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the 13 mother of Solomon: and she said, "Comest thou in peace?" and he said, "Yea in peace." And he said, "I have some- 14 what to say unto thee:" and she said, "Say on." And he 15 said, "Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine; for on me had all Israel set their faces that I should be king; but the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's; for it was given unto him by Jehovah. And now I ask of 16 thee one petition; say me not nay." And she said unto him, "Say on." And he said, "Speak, I pray thee, unto 17 Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give unto me Abishag the Shunammite to wife." And Bath- 18 sheba said, "It is well: I will speak for thee unto the king." So Bath-sheba went unto king Solomon, to speak 19 unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat upon his throne; and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. And she said, "I ask of thee one small 20

- petition; say me not nay." And the king said, "Ask on,
21 my mother, for I will not say thee nay." And she said,
"Let Abishag the Shunammite be given unto Adonijah thy
22 brother, to wife." And king Solomon answered and said
unto his mother, "And why dost thou ask Abishag the
Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also,
secing that he is mine elder brother! even for him, and for
23 Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!" Then
king Solomon sware by Jehovah, saying, "God do so to me,
and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against
24 his own life. Now therefore, as Jehovah liveth, who hath
established me, and set me on the throne of David my father,
and who hath made for me an house as he hath promised,
25 Adonijah shall be put to death this day." And king Solomon
sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and
he fell upon him that he died.
- 26 And the king said unto Abiathar the priest, "Get thee to
Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of
death; but I will not put thee to death this day, because
thou carriedst the ark of the Lord Jehovah before David
my father, and because thou wast afflicted in all things
27 wherein my father was afflicted." And Solomon deposed
Abiathar from being priest unto Jehovah; fulfilling the word
of Jehovah which he spake concerning the house of Eli, in
Shiloh.
- 28 And these tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned
after Adonijah, though he had not turned after Absalom:
and Joab fled to the tabernacle of Jehovah, and caught hold
29 on the horns of the altar. And it was told unto king Solomon
that Joab was fled to the tabernacle of Jehovah, "and
behold, he is by the altar:" and Solomon sent Benaiah the
30 son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go fall upon him." And Benaiah
came to the tabernacle of Jehovah, and said unto him,
"Thus saith the king, 'Come forth.'" And he said, "Nay,
but I will die here." And Benaiah brought back word unto
the king, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered
31 me." And the king said, "Do as he hath spoken, and fall
upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the in-
nocent blood which Joab shed, from me and from my father's
32 house. And Jehovah shall requite his blood-guiltiness upon
his own head; who fell upon two men more righteous and
better than himself, and slew them with the sword, my
father David not knowing it; even Abner the son of Ner,

captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah. Their blood shall therefore be 33 requited upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever; but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, there shall be peace for ever from Jehovah." And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up 34 and fell upon him and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. And the king put Benaiah 35 the son of Jehoiada over the host in his room: and Zadok the priest the king put in the room of Abiathar.

And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto 36 him, "Build thee a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there; and go not forth thence, hither or thither: for it shall come 37 to pass that on the day that thou goest forth and crossest the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die; thy blood shall be upon thine own head." And 38 Shimei said unto the king, "The saying is good; as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do." And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. And it came to pass at the 39 end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish the son of Maacah, king of Gath: and it was told unto Shimei, saying, "Behold thy servants are in Gath." And Shimei arose and saddled his ass, and went to 40 Gath, to Achish, to seek his servants; and Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath. And it was told unto Solo- 41 mon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and that he was returned. And the king sent and called for Shimei, 42 and said unto him, "Did I not make thee swear by Jehovah, and did I not protest unto thee, saying, 'On the day that thou goest forth and walkest abroad hither or thither, know for certain that thou shalt surely die?' And didst thou not say unto me, 'The word that I have heard is good?' Why 43 then hast thou not kept the oath unto Jehovah, and the commandment that I laid upon thee?" And the king said 44 unto Shimei, "Thou knowest all the wickedness of which thy heart is conscious, which thou didst commit against David my father: therefore Jehovah shall requite thy wickedness upon thine own head: but king Solomon shall 45 be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Jehovah for ever." So the king commanded Be- 46 naiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

1 CHAP. III.—And Solomon connected himself by marriage with Pharaoh king of Egypt; for he took Pharaoh's daughter to wife; and he brought her into the city of David, until he had finished the building of his own house, and the house
2 of Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. (*Now the people sacrificed on the high places only: because there was no house built unto the name of Jehovah, until those*
3 *days.*) And Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place; *and* Solomon offered upon that
5 altar a thousand burnt-offerings. *And* Jehovah appeared unto Solomon in Gibeon, in a dream by night; and God
6 said, "Ask what I shall give unto thee." And Solomon said, "Thou hast shewed great mercy unto thy servant David my father, even as he also walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great mercy, that thou hast
7 given him a son to sit upon his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Jehovah my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father; and I am *but* a little child; and I know not how to go out or to come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen; a great people, which cannot be numbered nor counted for
8 multitude. Give therefore unto thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that he may be able to discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this great
9 people of thine?" And the speech pleased the Lord, that
10 Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, "Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked for thyself riches, neither hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked
11 for thyself wisdom to understand judgment, behold, I have done according to thy words. Behold, I have given unto thee a wise and understanding heart, so that none before thee hath been like unto thee, and after thee none shall arise
12 like unto thee. And I have also given unto thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and glory; so that among
13 the kings, none shall be like unto thee, all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David walked, then will I
14 lengthen thy days." And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was
15

a dream. And he went to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah; and he offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Then came unto the king two women that were harlots; 16 and they stood before him. And the first woman said, "O my 17 lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came to pass 18 on the third day after I was delivered, that this woman also was delivered of a child: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house; *none* except us two in the house. And this woman's child died in the night, for she overlaid it. 19 And she arose in the middle of the night, and took my child 20 from beside me; (for thy handmaid was asleep;) and she laid it in her bosom; and her own dead child she laid in my bosom. And I arose in the morning to give suck to my 21 child, and, behold, it was dead: and I examined it in the morning, and, behold, it was not my child which I had brought forth." And the other woman said, "Nay, but the 22 living child is mine, and the dead child is thine." And the *first* woman said, "Nay, but the dead child is thine, and the living child is mine." Thus they spake before the king. And the king said, "The one saith, 'This living child is 23 mine, and the dead child is thine;' and the other saith, 'Nay, but the dead child is thine, and the living child is mine.'" And the king said, "Bring me a sword." And 24 they brought a sword unto the king. And the king said, 25 "Cut the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other." And the woman whose the living child 26 was, spake unto the king; for her bowels yearned for her child; and she said, "O my lord, give unto her the living child, and by no means put it to death:" but the other said, "Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it." And the 27 king answered and said, "Give unto her the living child, and by no means put it to death: she is its mother." And 28 all Israel heard the judgment which the king had pronounced; and they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

CHAP. IV.—And king Solomon reigned over all Israel: 1 And these were his chief ministers:— 2

Azariah, the son of Zadok the priest, and Elihoreph and 3 Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, were the secretaries: Jehoshaphat

4 the son of Ahilud was the remembrancer: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar
5 were the priests: and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the prefects: and Zabud the son of Nathan the priest was the
6 king's companion: and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the labour-conscription.

7 And Solomon had twelve prefects over all Israel; and they supplied provisions for the king and his household; each
8 was to supply provisions one month in the year. And these were their names.

9 The son of Hur was *prefect* in Mount Ephraim: the son of Deker, in Makaz and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and
10 Elon-beth-hanan: the son of Hesed, in Arubboth; to him also pertained Sochoh and all the land of Hephher: the son
11 of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; (he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:) Baanah the son of Ahilud, *in*
12 Taanach, and Megiddo; and all Beth-shean, which is beside Zarethana, below Jezreel; from Beth-shean even unto Abel-
13 mehulah, and beyond Jokneam: the son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained the villages of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also pertained the
14 region of Argob, which is in Bashan; sixty great cities with walls and brazen gate-bars. Ahinadab the son of Iddo had
15 Mahanaim: Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; (he also had obtained Basemath the daughter of Solomon to wife:) Baanah the
16 son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth: Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah was in Issachar: Shimei the son of Elah, in
17 Benjamin: Geber the son of Uri was in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Ba-
18 shan; and he was the only prefect that was in that land.

20 And Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea for multitude: eating and drinking, and making
21 merry. And Solomon reigned over all the kingdoms from the river *Euphrates* to the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's provision for each day was thirty cors of
23 fine flour, and sixty cors of meal: ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep; besides
24 harts, and antelopes, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river; from Tiph-sach even unto Gaza; over all the kings on this

side the river; and he had peace on all sides round about. And Judah and Israel dwelt securely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even unto Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

And Solomon had forty thousand pairs of horses for his chariots; and twelve thousand saddle-horses. And those prefects supplied provision for king Solomon, and for all that came to king Solomon's table, each in his month: they let nothing be wanting. And barley and straw for the horses and for the steeds, they brought unto the place where he was, each in his turn.

And God gave unto Solomon exceeding great wisdom and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand which is on the sea-shore. And the wisdom of Solomon was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the east, yea than all the wisdom of Egypt; for he was wiser than all men; Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his name was in all the nations round about. And he spake three thousand Proverbs: and his Songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came men of all nations to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.—And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon, when he heard that he had been anointed king in the room of his father; for Hiram had ever been a friend of David. And Solomon sent unto Hiram, saying, “Thou knowest that David my father could not build a house unto the name of Jehovah his God, because of the war which was about him on every side, until Jehovah put them under the soles of his feet. But now Jehovah my God hath given me quietness on every side; there is no adversary and no untoward event. And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name of Jehovah my God, even as Jehovah spake unto David my father, saying, ‘Thy son whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build a house unto my name.’ And now command that cedar-trees may be hewn for me out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and the wages of thy servants I will give unto thee, according to all that thou shalt say; for thou

knowest that among us there is none that understandeth the hewing of timber like the Zidonians."

7 And it came to pass that when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly, and said, "Blessed be Jehovah this day, who hath given unto David a wise son over this
8 great people." And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have considered the message which thou hast sent to me, *and* I will do all thy desire, concerning timber of cedar, and con-
9 cerning timber of cypress. My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea, and I will convey them by sea in rafts, to the place that thou shalt appoint me; and I will discharge them there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my house-
10 hold." And Hiram gave unto Solomon cedar-trees and
11 cypress-trees, as many as he desired. And Solomon gave unto Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat for food to his household, and twenty cors of fine oil; thus much Solomon
12 gave unto Hiram year by year. And Jehovah gave wisdom unto Solomon, as he had said unto him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league.
13 And king Solomon raised a labour-conscription out of all Israel; and the labour-conscription was of thirty thousand
14 men: and he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand each month, by turns; they were a month in Lebanon and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the labour-con-
15 scription. And Solomon had seventy thousand bearers of
16 burdens, and eighty thousand hewers in the mountains, besides the chiefs of the officers of Solomon who were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, who directed
17 the people that wrought at the work. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and
18 hewn stones, to lay a foundation for the house. And Solomon's builders, and Hiram's builders, and the Gibelites, hewed *them*; and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

1 CHAP. VI.—And it came to pass, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt, in the fourth year of the reign of Solomon over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that
2 he *began to* build the house of Jehovah. And the house which king Solomon built for Jehovah, was sixty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and thirty cubits in

height. And the porch which was in front of the temple of the house was twenty cubits in length, corresponding to the breadth of the house: and ten cubits in breadth, in front of the house. And he made in the temple, windows with narrow lattices. And he built against the wall of the house, tiers of chambers round about, encompassing the walls of the house, both of the temple and the sanctuary: and he made chambers round about. The lower tier was five cubits in breadth, and the middle *tier* was six cubits in breadth, and the third was seven cubits in breadth; for he had made off-sets on the outside of the house, round about, that *the beams* should not be fastened into the walls of the house. And the house was built of finished stones from the quarry: neither hammer nor axe *nor* any iron tool was heard in the house, while it was building. The entrance to the middle *tier of* chambers was at the corner of the building toward the right; and by winding stairs they ascended to the middle tier, and from the middle to the third. And he built the house and finished it, and covered the house with boards and planks of cedar. And he built the tiers of chambers against the whole house; *each tier* five cubits in height; and they adhered to the house by timbers of cedar.

And the word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying, "As for this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and wilt execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments, and walk in them, then I will establish with thee my word, which I spake unto David thy father: and I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel, and I will not forsake my people Israel."

And Solomon built the house and finished it. And he built the walls of the house within, with planks of cedar; from the floor of the house even to the *top of the* walls under the roof, he covered it with wood on the inside: and he covered the floor of the house with planks of cypress. And he built the twenty cubits toward the rear of the house, with planks of cedar, from the floor even to *the top of* the walls; and he built it within, for a sanctuary, even for the most holy place. And forty cubits was the house, that is the temple, in front of it. And the cedar on the house inside was carved with bosses and open flowers; the whole was of cedar; no stone was seen. And he prepared the sanctuary in the inmost part of the house, to place there the ark of the covenant of Jehovah. And the sanctuary was opposite to

the entrance; twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in height; and he overlaid it with pure gold; he also overlaid the altar which was of cedar

21 And Solomon overlaid the inmost part of the house with pure gold; and he made a partition with chains of gold in front of the sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold. And

22 the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had completed the whole house; and the whole of the altar which was before the sanctuary, he overlaid with gold.

23 And he made in the sanctuary two cherubs of olive-wood,

24 *each* ten cubits in height. And the first wing of *each* cherub was five cubits *in length*, and the second wing of *each* cherub was five cubits; ten cubits from the one extremity of its

25 wings to the other. And the second cherub was ten cubits;

26 the two cherubs were of one measure and of one size: the height of the first cherub was ten cubits; and so also was

27 that of the second cherub. And he placed the cherubs in the midst of the inmost part of the house; and the wings of the cherubs were expanded; and the wing of the first touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the second cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched in the midst of the

28 house, wing to wing. And he overlaid the cherubs with gold.

29 And he carved the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubs, and palm-trees, and open flowers,

30 both in the inner and the outer portions. And the ceiling of the house he overlaid with gold, both in the inner and the outer portions.

31 And for the entrance to the sanctuary he made doors of olive-wood; the lintel over the door-posts was a fifth part of

32 *the wall in length*. And the two doors were of olive-wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubs, and palm-trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold; and he spread gold over the cherubs and over the palm-trees.

33 And in like manner he made, for the entrance of the temple, door-posts of olive-wood, the fourth part of the wall *in*

34 *height*. And the two doors were of cypress-wood; the two leaves of the first door were folding, and the two leaves

35 of the second door were folding. And he carved *thereon* cherubs, and palm-trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold, spread evenly over the carving.

36 And he built the inner court-wall with three courses of hewn stone, and a course of cedar-beams.

37 In the fourth year the foundation of the house of Jehovah

was laid, in the month Ziv: and in the eleventh year, in ³³ the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was completed in all its parts, and in all its plans: so he was seven years in building it.

CHAP. VII.—And Solomon was thirteen years in build- ¹ ing his own house, and in completing all his house.

And he built the house of the Forest of Lebanon. It ² was an hundred cubits in length, and fifty cubits in breadth, and thirty cubits in height; *built* on four rows of columns of cedar, with beams of cedar on the columns. And it was ³ covered with cedar above, over the beams which lay on the columns; forty-five *beams*; fifteen in each row. And the ⁴ horizontal beams were in three tiers; and light corresponded to light, thrice. And all the doors and door-posts were ⁵ squared, with horizontal lintels: and light was opposite to light, thrice. And he made the porch of *the house of* co- ⁶ lumns; fifty cubits in length and thirty cubits in breadth; and the porch and the columns *of the house*, and *its* roof, were fronting each other.

And he made the porch of the throne, the porch of ⁷ judgment, wherein he might judge; and he covered it with cedar, from floor to roof. And his own house in which he ⁸ dwelt, was the court in the rear, within that porch; it was of the same workmanship; and Solomon also made a house for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom he had married, like unto the porch.

All these were of costly stones, hewn according to measure- ⁹ ments; sawed with saws, within and without, both from the foundation to the coping, and from the outside to the great court. And the foundation was of costly stones, great stones, ¹⁰ stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. And above ¹¹ were costly stones, hewn according to measurements; and cedars. And the great court-wall round about was of three ¹² courses of hewn stone, and a course of cedar-beams, like the inner court-wall of the house of Jehovah, and the porch of the temple.

And king Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre. ¹³ He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali; but his ¹⁴ father was a Tyrian. And he was an artificer in brass; and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and knowledge, for executing all manner of work in brass. And he came to king Solomon and executed all his work.

15 And he formed the two columns of brass; eighteen cubits was the height of the first column, *and eighteen cubits was the height of the second column; and a cord of twelve cubits encompassed the first column,* and a cord of twelve cubits
16 encompassed the second column. And he made two capitals of molten brass, to place on the tops of the columns: five cubits was the height of the first capital, and five cubits was
17 the height of the second capital. *And he made* nets of network, and wreaths of chain-work, for the capitals which were on the tops of the columns, seven for the first capital, and
18 seven for the second capital. And he made the pomegranates, in two rows, round about the first net-work, to cover the capital which was on the top of the column; and in like
19 manner he did unto the second capital. And the capitals which were upon the tops of the columns in the porch, had
20 four cubits of lily-work. And the capitals upon the two columns also *had pomegranates* above, close to the swell-moulding which was beyond the net-work: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round about, upon *each of*
21 the two capitals. And he reared the columns of the porch of the temple; and he reared the right-hand column, and he called its name Jachin: [HE WILL ESTABLISH:] and he reared the left-hand column, and he called its name Boaz:
22 [ENERGY.] And upon the top of the columns was lily-work. Thus was the work of the columns completed.

23 And he made the molten sea, ten cubits from brim to brim; round all about; and it was five cubits in height; and
24 a line of thirty cubits encompassed it about. And there were bosses under its brim, encompassing it all round; ten in a cubit, encompassing the sea all round; the bosses were
25 in two rows, cast when it was cast. And it stood upon twelve oxen; three facing toward the north, and three facing toward the west, and three facing toward the south, and three facing toward the east: and the sea was set upon them
26 above; and all their hinder parts were inward. And it was an hand-breadth in thickness; and its brim was as the workmanship of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies. It contained two thousand baths.

27 And he made the ten *laver-stands* of brass; four cubits was the length of each stand, and four cubits its breadth,
28 and three cubits its height. And this was the workmanship of the stands: they had panels, and the panels were within
29 the mouldings: and upon the panels which were within the

mouldings, were lions, oxen, and cherubs; and so likewise on the top, above the mouldings; and below the lions and oxen, were garlands of hanging work. And each stand had four 30 wheels of brass, and axles of brass; and at its four corners were shoulders for them; below the laver were the shoulders cast, each one opposite to the garlands. And the mouth 31 *of the laver* was within the top-ledge; and it was a cubit above it; and its mouth was round, of the workmanship of the base, a cubit and an half *was its full height*: and upon its mouth also were carvings; and their panellings were square, not round. And there were four wheels beneath the 32 panels, and the axles of the wheels were upon the stands; and the height of each wheel was a cubit and a half. And 33 the workmanship of the wheels was as the workmanship of the wheel of a chariot; their axles, and their felloes, and their spokes, and their naves, were all cast. And the four shoul- 34 ders were at the four corners of each stand; from each stand its shoulders *projected*. And upon the top of the stand, was 35 a round *opening*, half a cubit in depth; even upon the top of the stand. Its axles and its panels were of itself. And 36 he engraved upon the plates of its sides, and on its panels, cherubs, lions, and palm-trees, each according to its proportion; and garlands, round about. Thus he made the ten 37 stands; all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

And he made ten lavers of brass: each laver contained 38 forty baths; four cubits was each laver *in width*; the first laver on the first stand, *and so* for the ten stands. And he 39 put five stands upon the right side of the temple, and five upon the left side of the temple: and he set the sea on the right side of the temple, eastward, toward the south.

And Hiram made the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and 40 the basons.

And Hiram finished the making of all the work which he made for king Solomon, for the house of Jehovah: the 41 two columns, and the bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the two columns, and the two net-works to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the 42 columns: and the four hundred pomegranates of the two net-works, two rows of pomegranates for each net-work, to cover the two bowls which were on the front of the columns: and 43 the ten *laver-stands*, and the ten lavers upon the stands: and 44 the one sea, and the twelve oxen underneath the sea; and 45 the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basons. And all these

articles which Hiram made for Solomon, for the house of
 46 Jehovah, were of polished brass: the king cast them in the
 plain of Jordan, in the thick clay between Succoth and
 47 Zarethan. And Solomon left all the articles *unweighed*,
 because they were exceeding many; and the weight of the
 brass was not ascertained.

48 And Solomon made all the *golden* furniture which was
 in the house of Jehovah: the altar of gold, and the golden
 49 table on which was the shew-bread, and the lamp-stands of
 fine gold, five on the right hand and five on the left, before
 the sanctuary; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the
 50 golden tongs; and the dishes, and the snuffers, and the
 basons, and the snuff-dishes, and the censers, of pure gold;
 and the golden hinges for the doors of the inner house, the
 most holy place, and for the doors of the building of the
 51 temple. Thus was completed all the work which king Solo-
 mon made for the house of Jehovah.

And Solomon brought the things which David his father
 had dedicated, the silver, and the gold, and the furniture;
and put them into the treasuries of the house of Jehovah.

1 CHAP. VIII.—Then Solomon gathered together all the
 elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of
 the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in
 Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah
 2 from the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of
 Israel gathered themselves together unto king Solomon, at
 the Feast of *Tabernacles*, in the month Ethanim, which is the
 3 seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and the
 4 priests took up the ark; and they brought up the ark of
 Jehovah, and the tabernacle of congregation, and all the im-
 plements of the holy place, which were in the tabernacle;
 5 and the priests and the Levites brought them up. And king
 Solomon and all the assembly of Israel that were convened
 unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and
 oxen, which could not be counted nor numbered for multi-
 6 tude. And the priests brought the ark of the covenant of
 Jehovah unto its place, into the sanctuary of the house, into
 7 the most holy place, beneath the wings of the cherubs. For
 the cherubs had their wings spread forth over the place of
 the ark, and the cherubs covered the ark and its poles above.
 8 And they drew out the poles, and the tops of the poles were
 seen from the holy place in front of the sanctuary; but they

were not seen from the outside of *the temple*: and they are there until this day. There was nothing in the ark but the 9 two tables of stone which Moses put there in Horeb, when Jehovah made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they had come forth from the land of Egypt. And it came 10 to pass, that, when the priests came forth from the holy place, the cloud filled the house of Jehovah. And the priests 11 could not stand to minister, because of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah had filled Jehovah's house.

Then Solomon said:—"Jehovah hath said that he would 12 dwell in the thick darkness, *yet* have I built a house for thy 13 habitation, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever."

And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole 14 assembly of Israel: (and all the assembly of Israel were standing:) And he said, "Blessed be Jehovah the God of 15 Israel, who spake with his mouth unto David my father, as with his hand he hath fulfilled, saying, 'From the day that 16 I brought my people Israel forth out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel, to build *in it* a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.' And it was in the heart of David my 17 father to build a house unto the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. But Jehovah said unto David my father, 'Foras- 18 much as it was in thy heart to build a house unto my name, thou hast done well that it was in thy heart: nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son, 19 who shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.' And Jehovah hath performed his word 20 which he spake; for I have risen up in the room of David my father, and I sit upon the throne of Israel, as Jehovah spake; and I have built this house unto the name of Jehovah the God of Israel: and I have set there, *in its* place, 21 the ark in which is the covenant of Jehovah, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt."

And Solomon stood up before the altar of Jehovah, in 22 presenece of the whole assembly of Israel, and he spread forth his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Jehovah, God 23 of Israel! there is no God like thee, in the heavens above, or on the earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart; who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which 24 thou didst promise unto him; yea thou spakest with thy

mouth, and with thy hand thou hast fulfilled; as *it is* this
25 day. And now, O Jehovah God of Israel, keep with thy
servant David my father that which thou didst promise unto
him, saying, 'There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to
sit on the throne of Israel, if only thy children will take
heed to their way, walking before me as thou hast walked
26 before me:' yea now, O God of Israel, let thy word be
verified, which thou didst speak unto thy servant David my
father.

27 "But will God indeed dwell upon the earth? Behold, the
heavens, yea the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how
28 much less this house which I have built! Yet turn thou
unto the prayer of thy servant, and unto his supplication, O
Jehovah my God, and hearken unto the cry and the prayer
29 which thy servant prayeth before thee this day; that thine
eyes may be open toward this house, night and day, *even*
toward the place of which thou hast said, 'My name shall be
there;' that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer that thy
30 servant shall pray toward this place. And hearken thou
unto the supplication of thy servant, and thy people Israel,
when they shall pray toward this place; yea hear thou in
heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 "If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath
be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come
32 before thine altar in this house, then hear thou in heaven,
and do: and judge thy servants, condemning the guilty, and
bringing *the evil of* his way upon his own head, and justifying
the righteous, and giving unto him according to his
righteousness.

33 "When thy people Israel shall be smitten down before the
enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn
again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make
34 supplication unto thee in this house, then hear thou in hea-
ven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them
again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 "When the heavens shall be shut up, and there shall be
no rain, because they have sinned against thee, and they
shall pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn
36 again from their sins, when thou hast afflicted them, then
hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants and
thy people Israel; when thou hast taught them the good way
in which they ought to go; and give rain upon thy land,
which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

“When there shall be famine in the land, when there shall 37
be pestilence, when there shall be blight, mildew, locust, or
caterpillar, when their enemy in the land shall besiege
their gates, *when there shall be any plague, when there shall*
be any sickness, whatsoever prayer, whatsoever supplication 38
shall be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, who
shall know each one the taint of his own heart, and shall
spread forth his hands towards this house, hear thou in 39
heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do; and render
unto every one according to his ways, whose heart thou
knowest; for thou alone knowest the hearts of all the child-
ren of men; that they may fear thee all the days of their 40
life, in the land which thou hast given to our fathers.

“And also concerning the stranger who is not of thy peo- 41
ple Israel, but cometh from a far country for thy name’s
sake; (for they shall hear of thy great name, and thy mighty 42
hand, and thine outstretched arm;) when he shall come and
pray toward this house, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling- 43
place, and do according to all that the stranger shall implore
of thee; that all the nations of the earth may know thy name;
that they may fear thee as doth thy people Israel; and that
they may know that this house, which I have built, is called
by thy name.

“When thy people shall go forth to war against their 44
enemies, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and they shall
pray unto Jehovah, toward the city which thou hast chosen *to*
dwell therein, and this house which I have built unto thy
name, then hear thou in heaven their prayer and supplica- 45
tion, and maintain their cause.

“When they shall sin against thee, (for there is no man 46
that sinneth not,) and thou shalt be angry with them, and
shalt deliver them up to their enemies, and they shall carry
them away captive into the land of their enemies, far or near, 47
if they shall lay it to heart in the land whither they have
been carried away captive, and repent, and make supplication
to thee in the land of them that have carried them away cap-
tive, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done perversely, we
have committed iniquity,’ and shall return unto thee with all 48
their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their ene-
mies who have carried them away captive, and shall pray unto
thee toward their own land which thou gavest unto their
fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which
I have built unto thy name,—then hear thou in heaven thy 49

dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause; and forgive thy people that wherein they have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions whereby they have transgressed against thee; and grant unto them compassion in the sight of them that have carried them away captive, that they may have compassion upon them; for they are thine own people, and thine inheritance, whom thou broughtest out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel; that thou mayest hearken unto them whensoever they cry unto thee. For thou hast separated them unto thyself, for an inheritance, from all the nations of the earth, as thou hast declared through Moses thy servant, when thou didst bring our fathers forth from Egypt, O Lord Jehovah!"

And it came to pass, when Solomon had made an end of praying unto Jehovah all this prayer and supplication, that he arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling upon his knees, with his hands spread out toward heaven. And he stood up and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, "Blessed be Jehovah, who hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he hath spoken: not one word hath failed, of all his good promise which he spake by Moses his servant. May Jehovah our God be with us, as he was with our fathers! May he not leave us nor forsake us; inclining our heart unto himself, that we may walk in all his ways, and keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. And may these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before Jehovah, be near unto Jehovah our God, day and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, at every time of need: so that all the nations of the earth may know that Jehovah, he is God, and that there is none else. And may your heart be devoted to Jehovah our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as it is this day."

And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifices before Jehovah. And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto Jehovah, twenty-two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. Thus the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of Jehovah. On that day the king consecrated the

middle of the court which was before the house of Jehovah : for he offered there the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings : because the brazen altar which was before Jehovah was too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

And at that time king Solomon kept the Feast of *Taber-* 65
nacles, and all Israel with him, a great assemblage, from the pass of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, *gathered* before Jehovah our God, for seven days and seven days, even for fourteen days. On the eighth day he sent the people away : 66
 and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents, joyful and glad of heart, for all the good which Jehovah had done unto David his servant, and unto Israel his people.

CHAP. IX.—And it came to pass, when Solomon had 1
 finished the building of the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all that Solomon desired and was pleased to do, that Jehovah appeared unto Solomon a second time, 2
 as he had appeared unto him in Gibeon. And Jehovah 3
 said unto him, "I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, which thou hast made before me ; I have made this house, which thou hast built, holy, putting my name there for ever ; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy 4
 father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* if thou wilt keep my statutes and my judgments, then I will 5
 establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever ; as I spake unto David thy father, saying, 'There shall not fail thee a man to sit upon the throne of Israel.' But if ye and 6
 your children shall turn away from following after me, and shall not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other Gods, and shall bow down unto them, then I will cut off Israel from 7
 off the face of the land which I gave unto them ; and this house, which I have consecrated unto my name, I will put away from before my face ; and Israel shall be a bye-word and a scoff among all nations. And this house shall be an 8
 example ; every one that passeth by shall be astonished and shall hiss at it ; and men shall say, 'Wherefore hath Jehovah done this, unto this land, and unto this house ?' And they 9
 shall say, 'Because they forsook Jehovah their God, who

brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and clave unto other gods, and worshipped them, and served them; therefore Jehovah hath brought upon them all this calamity.'”

- 10 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Jehovah
 11 and the king's house, *that inasmuch as* Hiram king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees and cypress-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire, king Solomon gave
 12 unto Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And Hiram went forth from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they were not pleasing in his eyes.
 13 And he said, “What sort of cities are these which thou hast given unto me, my brother?” And he called them the land of Cabul, [HAMPERED,] *which is their name* unto this day.
 14 Now Hiram had sent unto the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold.
- 15 Now this was the object of the labour-conscription which king Solomon had raised; to build the house of Jehovah, and his own house, and the embankment, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer, and had burnt it with fire, and had slain the Canaanites who had dwelt in the city; and had given it as a dowry unto his daughter,
 17 the wife of Solomon. And Solomon built Gezer, and the lower Beth-horon, and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land *of Syria*, and all the magazine cities which Solomon had, and the cities for the chariots, and the cities for the steeds; and all that Solomon chose to build, in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.
 20 As for all the people that remained of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, the Jebusites, (who were not of the children of Israel, but were the children of them that had been left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel had not been able utterly to destroy,) upon them Solomon imposed a tribute of bond-service; as
 22 it is unto this day. But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make bondmen; but they were *his* warriors, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and commanders
 23 of his chariots, and of his horsemen. These were the chief of the officers who were over the work of Solomon, five hundred and fifty, who directed the people that wrought at the work.

And as soon as the daughter of Pharaoh had removed 24
from the city of David into her house which *Solomon*
had built for her, he then made the embankment.

And three times in each year Solomon offered burnt- 25
offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he had
built unto Jehovah ; and offered incense on that *altar* which
was before Jehovah. So he completed the house.

And king Solomon built a fleet at Ezion-geber, which is 26
nigh unto Eloth, upon the shore of the Red Sea, in the land
of Edom. And Hiram sent in the fleet, his servants, mari- 27
ners, acquainted with the sea, along with the servants of
Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and thence they 28
fetched gold, four hundred and twenty talents ; and they
brought it to king Solomon.

CHAP. X.—And the queen of Sheba heard of the fame 1
of Solomon which Jehovah had given him ; and she came to
try him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem 2
with a very great train, camels bearing spices and gold,
exceeding much, and precious stones ; and she came to
Solomon, and spake unto him all that was in her heart.
And Solomon told unto her all her questions ; there was 3
not a question hidden from the king, that he told not unto
her. And when the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom 4
of Solomon, and the house which he had built, and the pro- 5
vision for his table, and the assemblage of his servants, and
the array of his attendants, and their apparel, and his cup-
bearers, and his burnt-offerings which he offered in the
house of Jehovah, she was amazed beyond measure. And 6
she said unto the king, “It was a true report which I heard
in mine own land, concerning thine acts and concerning thy
wisdom : and I believed not the words until I came ; but 7
mine eyes have seen, and, behold, the half was not told me :
for thy wisdom and thy prosperity exceed the fame which I
heard. Happy are thy men ; happy are these thy ser- 8
vants who stand before thee continually, and hear thy
wisdom. Blessed be Jehovah thy God who hath taken 9
delight in thee, setting thee on the throne of Israel ; for
it is because Jehovah loveth Israel for ever, that he hath
made thee king, to do judgment and justice.” And she 10
gave unto the king an hundred and twenty talents of
gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones.
Never afterwards came there unto *Jerusalem* such an

abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave unto king Solomon.

11 And moreover the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from
Ophir, brought from Ophir sandal-wood in great abundance,
12 and precious stones. And the king made of the sandal-
wood, brackets for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's
house, and harps and lutes for the singers; there never
came so much sandal-wood, nor was *so much* ever seen, unto
13 this day. And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba
all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which was
given unto her of king Solomon's royal bounty. And
she turned her face and went to her own land, she and
her servants.

14 And the weight of the gold which came to Solomon in one
15 year, was six hundred and sixty six talents of gold; beside
that *which was obtained* from the traders, and from the
traffice of the merchants, and from all the allied kings, and
from the prefects of the land.

16 And king Solomon made two hundred shields of beaten
17 gold; six hundred *shekels* of gold went to each shield: and
three hundred bucklers of beaten gold; three pounds of
gold went to each buckler: and the king placed them in the
house of the Forest of Lebanon.

18 And the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid
19 it with refined gold. There were six steps to the throne,
and the top of the throne was rounded behind; and there
were supports for the arms, on each side of the place for the
20 seat, and two lions standing beside the supports. And there
were twelve lions there, standing on the six steps, one on
each side *of each step*. There was not *a throne* made like it,
in any kingdom.

21 And all the drinking-vessels of king Solomon were of
gold; and all the furniture of the house of the Forest of
Lebanon, was of pure gold; none was of silver; that was
22 counted as nothing in the days of Solomon. For the king
had a fleet of Tarshish at sea, with the fleet of Hiram:
once in three years the fleet of Tarshish came, bringing
gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 And king Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth,
24 in wealth and in wisdom. And all *the nations of* the earth
resorted unto Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God
25 had put into his heart. And they brought each man
his offering, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and rai-

ment, and armour, and spices, draught-horses, and mules ; *of each* a yearly offering. And Solomon gathered together 26 chariots and steeds ; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand steeds ; and they were stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem like stones, 27 and cedar-trees he made to be like the sycamores which grow in the plain, for abundance.

And Solomon's horses were brought out of Egypt ; and a 23 caravan of the king's purchasers received the droves for a *settled* price. And a chariot came up and was brought out 29 of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for an hundred and fifty : and at the same rate they brought with them *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria.

CHAP. XI.—And Solomon loved many foreign women, 1 besides the daughter of Pharaoh ; Moabites, and Ammonites, and Edomites, and Zidonians, and Hittites ; *women* of the 2 nations concerning whom Jehovah had said unto the children of Israel, “Ye shall not go among them, and they shall not come among you, lest they entice your hearts to follow after their gods ;” even unto them did Solomon cleave in love. And he had seven hundred princesses as 3 wives, and three hundred concubines ; and his wives perverted his heart. And it came to pass, in the old age of 4 Solomon, that his wives enticed his heart to follow after other gods ; and his heart was not devoted to Jehovah his God, as the heart of David his father. And Solomon went 5 after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did 6 that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and went not fully after Jehovah, as David his father had done. Then 7 Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mount which is over against Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And thus he did for all his foreign wives, when they offered incense and sacrifice unto their own gods.

And Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because he had 9 turned away his heart from Jehovah the God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice, and had given him command- 10 ment concerning this matter, not to go after other gods ;

but he had not kept that which Jehovah had commanded.

11 And Jehovah said unto Solomon, "Because this hath been
found with thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and
my statutes which I have commanded thee, I will assuredly
rend the kingdom from thee, and give it unto thy servant;
12 yet for David thy father's sake, I will not do this in thine
13 own days; I will rend it from the hand of thy son. I will
not even rend the whole kingdom *from him*; one tribe I will
give unto thy son, for the sake of David my servant, and
for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

14 And Jehovah raised up an adversary against Solomon,
Hadad the Edomite; he was of the seed of the kings of
15 Edom. And it came to pass, while David was in Edom,
when Joab the captain of the host went up to bury the
16 slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom, (for Joab
and all Israel remained there six months, until they had cut
17 off every male in Edom,) that Hadad fled, he and certain
Edomites of the servants of his father with him, to go into
18 Egypt; and Hadad was *then* a young lad. And they arose
out of Midian, and came to Paran; and they took with them
men out of Paran; and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh
king of Egypt; and he gave unto him a house, and assigned
19 unto him provisions, and gave him land. And Hadad found
great favour in the eyes of Pharaoh; and he gave him for
a wife his own wife's sister, even the sister of Tahpenes
20 the queen. And the sister of Tahpenes bare unto him his
son Genubath; and Tahpenes weaned him in Pharaoh's
house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house, among the
21 sons of Pharaoh. And Hadad heard in Egypt that David
slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host
was dead; and Hadad said unto Pharaoh, "Let me depart
22 that I may go to mine own country." And Pharaoh said
unto him, "What then lackest thou with me, that, behold,
thou seekest to go to thine own country?" And he said,
"Nay, but let me depart without fail."

23 And God raised up against him *another* adversary, Rezon
the son of Eliadah, who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer
24 the king of Zobah. And he gathered men unto him, and
became captain over a band, when David had slain them *of*
Zobah: and they went to Damascus and dwelt therein; and
25 he was made king in Damascus. And he was an enemy
to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that
Hadad did: for he abhorred Israel: and he reigned over Syria.

And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zeredah, 26 (whose mother was a widow, by name Zeruah,) was a servant of Solomon; and he lifted up his hand against the king. And this was the cause for which he lifted up his hand 27 against the king. Solomon was building the embankment, and was repairing the breach *in the wall* of the city of David his father. And the man Jeroboam was a man 28 of great energy; and Solomon saw that the young man did his work effectually; and he set him over all the burden-bearers of the house of Joseph. And it came to pass at 29 that time, that Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem; and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him in the way; and he had arrayed himself in a new garment; and they two were alone in the field. And Ahijah laid hold on the new 30 garment that was upon him, and rent it into twelve pieces. And he said unto Jeroboam, "Take to thyself ten pieces: 31 for thus saith Jchovah the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give unto thee ten tribes: (but he shall have one tribe, 32 for the sake of David my servant, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) because they have forsaken me, and have wor- 33 shipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, doing that which is right in mine eyes, and keeping my statutes and my judgments, as David his father did. Yet I will not 34 take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will establish him as a prince all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes. But I will take the kingdom 35 out of the hand of his son, and I will give it unto thee, even the ten tribes. But to his son will I give one 36 tribe; that David my servant may have a light for ever before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen unto myself to put my name there. And I will take thee, and 37 thou shalt reign over all that thy soul desireth; for thou shalt be king over Israel. And it shall come to pass, if thou 38 wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, that I will be with thee, and build for thee a sure house, as I built for David; and I will give unto thee Israel.

39 And I will for this afflict the house of David, but not for ever.' ”

40 And Solomon sought to put Jeroboam to death. And Jeroboam arose and fled into Egypt, to Shishak the king of Egypt; and he remained in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, even all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the
42 Acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned in
43 Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. And Solomon slept with his fathers; and he was buried in the city of David his father; and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XII.—And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for
2 unto Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it, (for he was yet in Egypt, whither he had fled from the face
3 of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt, but they sent and called him,) that Jeroboam and all the congregation
4 of Israel came and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, “Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore do thou lighten the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy
5 yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve thee.” And he said unto them, “Depart for three days, and then return
6 unto me.” And the people departed. And king Rehoboam consulted the aged men who had stood before Solomon his father whilst he was alive, saying, “How do ye advise that I
7 may answer this people?” And they spake unto him, saying, “If thou wilt this day be a servant unto this people, and serve them, and comply with them, and speak unto them good words, then will they be thy servants for
8 ever.” But he forsook the counsel of the aged men which they had given him, and he consulted the young men who had grown up with himself, and who stood before him.
9 And he said unto them, “What do ye advise that we shall answer unto this people who have spoken unto me, saying,
10 ‘Lighten the yoke which thy father put upon us?’ ” And the young men who had grown up with him spake unto him, saying, “Thus shalt thou say unto this people who spake unto thee, saying, ‘Thy father made our yoke heavy but do thou lighten our yoke;’ thus shalt thou say unto them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s loins.
11 And now my father laid upon you a heavy yoke, but I will

add to your yoke : my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'” And Jeroboam and 12 all the people came to Rehoboam, on the third day, according as the king had spoken, saying, “Return unto me on the third day.” And the king answered the people 13 harshly, and forsook the counsel of the aged men which they had given him ; and he spake unto them according to 14 the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke : my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.” So the king did not hearken unto the people : but 15 the matter was from Jehovah, that he might establish his word which Jehovah had spoken, by Ahijah the Shilonite, unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. And all Israel saw that 16 the king had not hearkened unto them ; and the people answered the king, saying, “What portion have we in David ? yea, we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To thy tents, O Israel ! see now to thine own house, O David !” And Israel departed unto their tents. But as 17 for the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. And king Rehoboam sent 18 Adoram who was over the labour-conscription ; and all Israel stoned him with stones so that he died ; and king Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. Thus Israel revolted from the house of David, *as it is* 19 *to this day.* And it came to pass when all Israel had heard 20 that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the assembly, and made him king over all Israel ; there were none that followed after the house of David, but the tribe of Judah alone.

And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem. And all the house of 2 Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, were assembled, an hundred and eighty thousand chosen warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, *and* to recover the kingdom for Rehoboam the son of Solomon. And the word of Jehovah came unto 22 Shemaiah a man of God, saying, “Speak unto Rehoboam 23 the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and the remnant of the people, saying, ‘Thus saith Jehovah ; Ye shall not go up nor fight 24 against your brethren the children of Israel ; return each man to his house, for this matter is from me.’” And they hearkened unto the word of Jehovah, and departed again according to the word of Jehovah.

25 And Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountain of Eph-
 26 raim, and dwelt therein; and he removed thence, and built
 27 Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now will the
 kingdom return to the house of David. If this people shall
 go up to offer sacrifice in the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem,
 then the heart of this people will turn again unto their lord,
 even unto Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me,
 28 and return unto Rehoboam king of Judah." And the king
 took counsel; and he made two calves of gold, and said unto
 the people, "Ye have gone up to Jerusalem long enough.
 Behold thy God, O Israel, who brought thee up out of the
 29 land of Egypt!" And he set the one in Bethel, and the
 30 other he placed in Dan. And this thing became a sin; for
 the people went up *to worship* before the one unto *Bethel*,
 31 *and before the other unto Dan*. And he made temples upon
 the high places; and he made priests of the lowest of the
 32 people, who were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam
 ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of
 the month, corresponding to the feast which was in Judah;
 and he offered burnt-offerings upon the altar. Thus did he
 in Bethel, offering sacrifices unto the calves that he had
 made; and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high
 33 places which he had made. And he offered burnt-offerings
 upon the altar which he had made in Bethel, upon the
 fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which
 he had devised out of his own heart: and he ordained a
 feast for the children of Israel; and he offered burnt-offer-
 ings upon the altar, and burned incense.

1 CHAP. XIII.—And behold there came a man of God
 out of Judah unto Bethel, with a message from Jehovah;
 and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.
 2 And he cried against the altar by the word of Jehovah, and
 said, "O altar, altar! thus saith Jehovah; 'Behold, a child
 shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah shall be his
 name; and he shall offer upon thee the priests of the high
 places, who have burnt incense upon thee; yea, men's bones
 3 shall be burnt upon thee.'" And he gave a sign that same
 day, saying, "This shall be the sign that Jehovah hath
 spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent in pieces, and the
 4 ashes which are upon it shall be scattered." And it came to
 pass, when the king heard the word of the man of God, which
 he had proclaimed against the altar in Bethel, that Jeroboam

stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And his hand which he had stretched forth against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to him again. And 5 the altar was rent, and the ashes were scattered from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given, by the command of Jehovah. And the king answered 6 and said unto the man of God, "Intercede, I beseech thee, with Jehovah thy God, and pray for me that my hand may be restored unto me." And the man of God interceded with Jehovah, and the king's hand was restored unto him, and became as it had been before. And the king said unto 7 the man of God, "Come with me into my house, and refresh thyself, and I will bestow upon thee a gift." And the 8 man of God said unto the king, "If thou wouldst give me the half of *all that is in* thy house, I would not go with thee, nor eat bread, nor drink water in this place. For thus 9 it was commanded me by the word of Jehovah, saying, 'Thou shalt neither eat bread, nor drink water; neither shalt thou return by the way by which thou didst go forth.' " So 10 he went another way, and returned not by the way by which he had come to Bethel.

And there was a certain aged prophet dwelling in Bethel; 11 and one of his sons came, and *the people* told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel, and the words that he had spoken unto the king; and *his sons* told them unto their father. And their father said unto them, "Which 12 is the way that he went forth?" And his sons showed the way by which the man of God, who had come out of Judah, went forth. And he said unto his sons, "Saddle me the 13 ass:" and they saddled the ass for him; and he rode upon him, and went after the man of God, and found him 14 sitting under the terebinth. And he said unto him, "Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah?" and he said "I am." And he said unto him, "Come with me into my 15 house, and eat bread." And he said unto him, "I cannot 16 return with thee, nor go with thee; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: for it was told unto 17 me by the word of Jehovah, 'Thou shalt not eat bread, nor drink water there; neither shalt thou return by the way by which thou goest thither.' " And he said unto him, "I also 18 am a prophet as well as thou; and an angel spake unto me by the word of Jehovah, saying, 'Bring him back with thee into thy house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' "

19 But he lied unto him. And he returned with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. And it came to
20 pass whilst they were sitting at the table, that the word of Jehovah came unto the prophet who had brought him back :
21 and he cried unto the man of God who had come out of Judah, saying, "Thus saith Jehovah ; Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the voice of Jehovah, and hast not kept the commandment which Jehovah thy God commanded thee,
22 but hast turned back, and eaten bread, and drunk water, in the place concerning which he said unto thee, 'Thou shalt neither eat bread nor drink water *there*,' thy corpse shall not
23 enter into the sepulchre of thy fathers." And it came to pass after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunken, that he saddled the ass for the prophet whom he had brought
24 back. And he went forth, and a lion met him in the way, and killed him ; and his corpse was *lying* cast down in the way, and the ass standing beside it, and the lion also standing
25 beside the corpse. And, behold, men were passing by, and they saw the corpse cast down in the way, and the lion standing beside the corpse ; and they came and told it in the
26 city where the aged prophet dwelt. And the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard it ; and he said, "This is the man of God who disobeyed the voice of Jehovah ; and Jehovah hath given him unto the lion ; and he hath torn him and slain him, according to the word of Jehovah
27 which he spake unto him." And he spake unto his sons, saying, "Saddle me the ass ;" and they saddled him. And he went and found his corpse cast down in the way, and the ass and the lion standing beside the corpse ; the lion had not
29 eaten the corpse nor torn the ass. And the prophet lifted up the corpse of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back, and came into the city of the aged
30 prophet, to mourn for him and to bury him. And he laid his body in his own sepulchre ; and they mourned over him,
31 saying, "Alas, my brother !" And it came to pass after he had buried him, that he spake unto his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then shall ye bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried ; lay my bones beside his bones ;
32 for the saying shall surely come to pass, which he proclaimed by the word of Jehovah, against the altar which is in Bethel, and against all the temples of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria."

33 Even after this, Jeroboam turned not back from his evil

way ; but continued to make the lowest of the people priests of the high places ; whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became a priest of the high places. And this thing ³¹ became a sin unto the house of Jeroboam, so as even to cut it off, and destroy it from the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIV.—At that time Ahijah the son of Jeroboam ¹ fell sick. And Jeroboam said unto his wife, “ Arise, I pray ² thee, and disguise thyself, so that it may not be known that thou art the wife of Jeroboam ; and go to Shiloh ; behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who foretold that I should be king over this people. And take in thy hand ten loaves, and ³ some cracknels, and a cruse of honey ; and go unto him ; he will tell thee what will happen unto the lad.” And the ⁴ wife of Jeroboam did so ; and she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. And Ahijah was not able to see, for his eyes were dimmed with age. And Jehovah ⁵ said unto Ahijah, “ Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son, for he is sick ; thus and thus shalt thou say unto her ; for it shall come to pass that when she cometh, she will feign herself to be a stranger.” And it came to pass, that whilst Ahijah was listening for the ⁶ sound of her feet, she came in by the door. And he said “ Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam ! Why feignest thou thyself to be a stranger ? Yet I am sent unto thee with heavy tidings. Go, tell Jeroboam, ‘ Thus saith Jehovah the God ⁷ of Israel, Whereas I raised thee up from the midst of the people, and set thee as prince over my people Israel, and rent away the kingdom from the house of David, and gave ⁸ it unto thee, and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who walked after me with all his heart, doing only that which was right in mine eyes, but hast done worse than all that were before ⁹ thee ; (for thou hast gone and made unto thyself other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back ;) therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon ¹⁰ the house of Jeroboam ; and I will cut off from Jeroboam every male of *his offspring*, young child and grown man in Israel ; and I will sweep away the house of Jeroboam as men sweep away dung, until it be completely gone. Him that ¹¹ dieth of Jeroboam in the city, the dogs shall eat ; and him that dieth in the field, the birds of the air shall eat ; for Jehovah hath spoken it !’ But as for thee, arise, get thee to ¹²

thine house; for as thy feet enter into the city, the child
13 shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and shall
bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall be placed in a
sepulchre, because in him *alone* of the house of Jeroboam was
found anything good toward Jehovah the God of Israel.
14 And Jehovah shall raise up unto himself a king over Israel,
who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam, this very day; yea,
15 even now. And Jehovah shall smite Israel as a reed is shaken
in water; and he shall root out Israel from the good land
which he gave unto their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond
the river, because they made their standing pillars, provoking
16 Jehovah to anger. And he shall cast off Israel, because of
the sins of Jeroboam, which he committed, and which he caused
17 Israel to commit." And the wife of Jeroboam arose, and
went forth, and came to Tirzah; and as she came to the
18 threshold of the house, the child died. And all Israel buried
him, and mourned for him, according to the word of Jehovah,
which he had spoken by his servant Ahijah the prophet.
19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he waged war,
and how he reigned, behold they are written in the book of
20 the Annals of the Kings of Israel. And the time that Jeroboam
reigned was two and twenty years. And he slept with
his fathers; and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned over Judah.
Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to
reign; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the
city which Jehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Is-
rael, to put his name there: and the name of his mother was
22 Naamah the Ammonitess. And Judah did that which was
evil in the sight of Jehovah; and they provoked him to
jealousy by their sins which they committed, above all that
23 their fathers had done. For they also built unto themselves
high places, and *set up* molten idols, and standing pillars,
24 upon every lofty height, and under every green tree. And
there were also Sodomites in the land. They did according
to all the abominations of the nations which Jehovah had
cast out before the face of the children of Israel.
25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam,
26 that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. And
he took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the
treasures of the king's house; yea he took all away: and he
took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

And king Rehoboam made instead of them shields of brass; 27 and he committed them to the captains of the guards, who kept the door of the king's house. And it came to pass, that when- 28 ever the king went into the house of Jehovah, the guards bare them: and they brought them back into the guard-room.

And the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, 29 are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? And there was war between Rehoboam 30 and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his 31 fathers; and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.—And in the eighteenth year of king Jero- 1 boam the son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah. Three years he reigned in Jerusalem; and his mother's 2 name was Michaiah, the daughter of Uriel. And he walked 3 in all the sins of his father which he had done before him; and his heart was not devoted to Jehovah his God, like the heart of David his father. Nevertheless for David's 4 sake, Jehovah his God gave unto him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him, and by establishing Jerusa- lem; because David had done that which was right in the 5 eyes of Jehovah, and had not departed from all that he commanded him, all the days of his life, save in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. And there was war between Abijam the 6 son of Rehoboam, and Jeroboam, all the days of his life.

And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, 7 are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and 8 Jeroboam. And Abijam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and his son Asa reigned in his stead.

And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, 9 Asa began to reign over Judah. And he reigned forty and 10 one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did that 11 which was right in the sight of Jehovah, as David his father had done. For he caused the Sodomites to depart from the 12 land, and removed all the idols which his fathers had made. And even his mother Maachah he deposed from being queen, 13 because she had made an idol of Ashera; and Asa cut down

14 her idol, and burnt it in the vale of Kidron. But the high places were not removed; nevertheless the heart of Asa
15 was devoted to Jehovah all his days. And he restored the things which his father had consecrated, even the consecrated things of the house of Jehovah, silver, and gold, and furniture.

16 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of
17 Israel, all their days. And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might hinder
18 any one from going or coming to Asa king of Judah. And Asa took all the silver and gold that were left in the treasuries of the house of Jehovah, and in the treasuries of the king's house, and gave them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimon the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who dwelt in
19 Damascus, saying, "Let there be a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father. Behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he
20 may depart from me." And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa; and he sent the captains of the hosts which he had, against the cities of Israel; and he smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Chinneroth, with all the
21 land of Naphtali. And it came to pass when Baasha heard it, that he ceased from building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.
22 And king Asa proclaimed *a levy* throughout all Judah; none was exempted; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timbers, with which Baasha had been building; and with them king Asa built Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 And the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his greatness, and all that he did, and the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? Nevertheless, in the time of his old age he was diseased in
24 his feet. And Asa slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers, in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah: and he reigned
26 over Israel two years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he caused Israel to sin. And

Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel had laid siege to Gibbethon. And Baasha slew him, in the 28 third year of Asa king of Judah; and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass, that when he became king, he smote all 29 the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; on account of the sins of Jeroboam which he committed, 30 and which he caused Israel to commit, in his provocation wherewith he provoked Jehovah the God of Israel to anger.

And the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are 31 they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel? And there was war between Asa and Baasha king 32 of Israel, all their days.

In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of 33 Ahijah began to reign over all Israel; *and he reigned* in Tirzah twenty-four years. And he did that which was evil 34 in the sight of Jehovah; and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he caused Israel to commit.

CHAP. XVI.—And the word of Jehovah came to Jehu 1 the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying, “Whereas I 2 raised thee up from the dust, and set thee as prince over my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the ways of Jeroboam, and hast caused my people Israel to sin, provoking me to anger by their sin, behold, I will consume the posterity of 3 Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him 4 that dieth of Baasha in the city, the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth of him in the field, the birds of the air shall eat.”

And the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and 5 his greatness, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel? And Baasha slept with his fathers, 6 and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his stead. And also by Jehu the prophet, the son of Hanani, 7 the word of Jehovah came against Baasha, and against his house; both on account of all the evil that he did in the eyes of Jehovah, provoking him to anger by the work of his hands, so that he became even as the house of Jeroboam; and because he had smitten him.

8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha began to reign over Israel; *and he reigned* in
 9 Tirzah two years. And his servant Zimri, captain over the half of his chariots, conspired against him; and he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza the
 10 steward of his house in Tirzah. And Zimri came in and smote him, and slew him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa
 11 king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass, when he became king and sat upon his throne, that he smote all the house of Baasha; he left not one male,
 12 of his kindred or of his friends. And Zimri utterly destroyed the whole house of Baasha, according to the word of Jehovah, which he had spoken unto Baasha by Jehu the
 13 prophet; on account of all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they committed, and which they caused Israel to commit; provoking Jehovah the God of Israel to anger by their vanities.

14 And the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri began to reign; *and he reigned* seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged
 16 to the Philistines. And the people that were encamped heard that Zimri had conspired, and that he had also slain the king; and all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host,
 17 king over Israel that day in the camp. And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they laid siege
 18 to Tirzah. And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and
 19 died; for the sins which he committed, in doing evil in the sight of Jehovah, by walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, causing Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason which he committed, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel?

21 Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts; half the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make
 22 him king, and half followed Omri: but the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri became king.

In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began ²³ to reign over Israel; *and he reigned* twelve years. Six years he reigned in Tirzah; and he bought the hill of Samaria ²⁴ from Shemer, for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill. And ²⁵ Omri did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah; yea he did worse than all that were before him; for he walked in ²⁶ all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin which he caused Israel to commit, provoking Jehovah the God of Israel to anger by their vanities.

And the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his ²⁷ might which he shewed, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel? And Omri slept with ²⁸ his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab ²⁹ the son of Omri began to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the ³⁰ sight of Jehovah, more than all that were before him. And ³¹ it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Eth-baal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And ³² he erected an altar unto Baal, in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. And Ahab made an image of Ashera. ³³ And Ahab did more to provoke Jehovah the God of Israel to anger, than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

In his days Hiel the Bethelite rebuilt Jericho; in Abiram ³⁴ his first-born he laid its foundations, and in Segub his youngest son he set up its gates, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAP. XVII.—And Elijah the Tishbite, who was one of ¹ the sojourners in Gilead, said unto Ahab, “As Jehovah the ² God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall neither be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.” And the word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, “Depart ³ hence, and turn thee eastward; and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, which is in front of the Jordan: and it shall be, ⁴ that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded

5 the ravens to feed thee there." And he went and did according to the word of Jehovah; for he went and dwelt by the
6 brook Cherith, which is in front of the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.
7 And it came to pass, after a while, that the brook dried up,
8 because there had been no rain in the land. And the
9 word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, "Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee." And he arose and went to Zarephath. And
10 when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks: and he called unto her and said, "Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that
11 I may drink." And as she was going to fetch it, he called unto her, and said, "Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of
12 bread in thine hand." And she said, "As Jehovah thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a pitcher, and a little oil in a cruse; and behold I am gathering two or three sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my
13 son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said unto her, "Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me; and afterwards make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel; 'The pitcher of meal shall not fail, and the cruse of oil shall not waste, until the day that Jehovah sendeth rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did according to the word of Elijah; and she, and he, and her
16 house, did eat *many* days. The pitcher of meal failed not, neither did the cruse of oil waste; according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by Elijah.

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, "What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? Art thou come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?" And he said unto her, "Give me thy son." And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber where he abode, and
20 laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto Jehovah, and said, "O Jehovah my God, hast thou also brought evil upon
21 the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?" And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried

unto Jehovah, and said, "O Jehovah my God, I pray thee let this child's life come into him again." And Jehovah 22 heard the voice of Elijah; and the child's life came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and 23 brought him down out of the upper chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, "See, thy son liveth." And the woman said unto Elijah, "Now I 24 know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of Jehovah is in thy mouth of a truth."

CHAP. XVIII.—And it came to pass after many days, 1 that the word of Jehovah came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, shew thyself unto Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth." And Elijah went to shew himself unto 2 Ahab. And the famine was sore in Samaria. And Ahab 3 called Obadiah who was over his household. (Now Obadiah feared Jehovah greatly: and it came to pass, that when Jeze- 4 bel cut off the prophets of Jehovah, Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) And Ahab said unto Obadiah, "Go into 5 the land, unto all the fountains of water, and unto all the brooks; peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and the mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts." So 6 they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, 7 Elijah met him; and he knew him, and fell on his face and said, "Art thou my lord Elijah?" And he said unto him, 8 "I am. Go, tell thy lord, 'Behold, Elijah *is here*.'" And 9 he said "What have I sinned, that thou wouldst deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to cause me to be put to death? As Jehovah thy God liveth, there is no nation or king- 10 dom to which my lord hath not sent to seek thee; and when they said 'He is not here,' he caused that kingdom or nation to swear that they had not found thee: and now thou sayest, 11 'Go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.' And it shall come 12 to pass, that as soon as I am gone from thee, the spirit of Jehovah will carry thee, I know not whither; and when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he will slay me: though thy servant hath feared Jehovah from his youth. Was it not told unto my lord what I did when Jezebel slew 13 the prophets of Jehovah? how I hid an hundred men of the prophets of Jehovah by fifty in a cave, and fed them with

14 bread and water? And now thou sayest ‘Go tell thy lord,
15 Behold, *Elijah is here*,’ that he may slay me!” And Elijah
said, “As Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I
16 will surely shew myself unto him this day.” So Obadiah
went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet
17 Elijah. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that
Ahab said unto him, “Art thou he that troubleth Israel?”
18 And he said, “I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy
father’s house; in that ye have forsaken the commandments
of Jehovah, and that thou hast resorted unto the images of
19 Baal. Now therefore send, and gather unto me all Israel to
Mount Carmel, and the four hundred and fifty prophets of
Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Ashera, who eat at
20 Jezebel’s table.” So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel,
and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel.
21 And Elijah drew nigh unto all the people, and said, “How
long do ye limp between two opinions? If Jehovah be God,
follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people
22 answered him not a word. And Elijah said unto the people,
“I, even I only, remain, a prophet of Jehovah; but the
23 prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men. Let them
therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bul-
lock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood,
and put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bul-
24 lock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire *under it*: and ye
shall call on the name of your god, and I will call on the
name of Jehovah; and the God that answereth by fire, let
him be God.” And all the people answered and said, “It
25 is well spoken.” And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal,
“Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and prepare it first,
for ye are many; and call on the name of your god; but
26 put no fire *under it*.” And they took the bullock which was
given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of
Baal from morning even until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer
us!” But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And
27 they danced beside the altar which they had made. And it
came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said,
“Cry with a loud voice, for he is a god! Either he is talking,
or he has stepped aside, or he is on a journey, or peradventure
28 he is asleep, and must be awakened!” And they cried with
a loud voice, and cut themselves after their manner, with
knives and lancets, till their blood gushed out upon them.
29 And it came to pass, when mid-day was past, that they pro-

phesied until the time of the *evening* sacrifice; but there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

And Elijah said unto all the people, "Come near unto me." And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of Jehovah which was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of Jehovah came, saying, "Israel shall be thy name;" and with the stones he built an altar, in the name of Jehovah. And he made a trench about the altar, as large as would contain two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood; and said, "Fill four pitchers with water, and pour it on the burnt-offering, and on the wood." *And they did so.* And he said "Do it the second time." And they did it the second time. And he said, "Do it the third time." And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and the trench also was filled with water. And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, "O Jehovah, God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me! that this people may know that thou, O Jehovah, art God; and that thou mayest turn their heart back *unto thyself* again." Then the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the burnt-offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces, and said, "Jehovah, he is God! Jehovah, he is God!" And Elijah said unto them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

And Elijah said unto Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink: for there is a sound of abundance of rain." So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And he said "Go again;" *and thus he did* seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time that he said, "Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." And he said, "Go

up and say unto Ahab, 'Prepare thy chariot, and get thee
 45 down, that the rain stop thee not.'” And it came to pass
 in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds
 and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and
 46 went to Jezreel. And the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah;
 and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the en-
 trance of Jezreel.

1 CHAP. XIX.—And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah
 had done, and how he had slain all the prophets with the
 2 sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying,
 “So let the gods do *unto me*, and more also, if I make not
 thy life as the life of one of them, by tomorrow at this time.”
 3 And when he saw *that*, he arose and fled for his life, and
 came to Beersheba which belongeth to Judah; and he left
 4 his servant there. And he himself went a day's journey
 into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a shrub of
 broom, and earnestly entreated that he might die. And he
 said, “It is enough! Now, O Jehovah, take away my life,
 5 for I am not better than my fathers.” And as he lay and
 slept under a shrub of broom, behold, an angel touched him,
 6 and said unto him, “Arise *and* eat.” And he looked, and,
 behold, there was a cake baked upon the coals, and a cruse
 of water at his head. And he did eat and drink; and laid
 7 himself down again. And the angel of Jehovah came again
 the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise *and* eat,
 8 because the journey is too great for thee.” And he arose,
 and did eat and drink; and he went, in the strength of that
 meat, forty days and forty nights, unto Horeb, the mount of
 9 God. And there he entered into a cave, and lodged therein.
 And, behold, the word of Jehovah came to him, and said unto
 10 him, “What dost thou here, Elijah?” And he said, “I have
 been very zealous for Jehovah the God of hosts: for the
 children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down
 thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I,
 even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away.”
 11 And he said, “Come forth, and stand upon the mount before
 Jehovah, for, behold, Jehovah passeth by.” And a great and
 strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks
 before Jehovah; but Jehovah was not in the wind: and after
 the wind an earthquake; but Jehovah was not in the earth-
 12 quake: and after the earthquake a fire; but Jehovah was
 13 not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And

it came to pass when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance to the cave. And behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, "What dost thou here, Elijah?" And he said, "I have 14 been very zealous for Jehovah the God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away." And Jehovah said unto him, "Go, return on thy way to the 15 wilderness of Damascus: and when thou art come, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; and Jehu the son of Nimshi 16 shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth 17 the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall slay; and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall slay. And I have left 18 unto me seven thousand in Israel, none of whose knees have bowed unto Baal, and whose mouths have not kissed him."

And he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of 19 Shaphat, who was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran 20 after Elijah, and said, "Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee." And he said unto him, "Go back again, for what have I done unto 21 thee?" And he returned back from him, and took the yoke of oxen and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the ox-gear, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. And he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

CHAP. XX.—And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered 1 all his host together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. And he sent messengers 2 to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, "Thus saith Ben-hadad: 'Thy silver and thy gold are mine; 3 thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest of them, are mine.'" And the king of Israel answered and said, "My 4 lord, O king, it is even according to thy word; I am thine, and all that I have." And the messengers came again, and 5 said, "Thus saith Ben-hadad; Although I have sent unto thee, saying, 'Thou shalt deliver unto me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children,' yet I will send my 6

servants unto thee tomorrow at this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, 7 they shall take it in their hand, and carry it away." And the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, "Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh *my* destruction: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I withheld 8 them not from him." And all the elders and all the people said unto him, "Hearken not *unto him*, nor consent." So 9 he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Say unto my lord the king, 'All that thou didst demand of thy servant first, I will do: but this thing I may not do.'" And the messengers departed, and brought him the answer back. And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, "So may the gods do unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria will suffice for hand- 10 fuls for all the people that follow me." And the king of Israel answered and said, "Say *unto him*, 'Let not him that girdeth on his armour, boast himself as he that putteth it 12 off.'" And it came to pass when *Ben-hadad* heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, 13 that he said unto his servants, "Set *the host* in array." And they set *them* in array against the city. And behold there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'Hast thou seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into thy hand this day, and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.'" And Ahab said, "By whom?" 14 And he said, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces.'" Then he said, "Who 15 shall begin the battle?" And he said, "Thou." Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces; and they were two hundred and thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, 16 being seven thousand. And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk, in the pavilions, he and the kings, *even* the thirty-two kings that helped him. 17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first. Now Ben-hadad had sent out *scouts*; and they told 18 him saying "There are men come out of Samaria." And he said, "Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive, 19 or whether they be come out for war, take them alive." So these young men of the princes of the provinces came 20 out of the city, and the army which followed them. And

they slew every one his man : and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them : and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse, with his horsemen. And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, "Up and be active, and consider, and see what thou oughtest to do ; for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come against thee." And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, "Their God is the God of the hills ; therefore they were stronger than we : but let us fight against them in the plain, *and see* if we be not stronger than they. But do this thing : Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their room ; and muster thee an army, like the army which thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot : and we will fight against them in the plain, *and see* if we be not stronger than they." And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel were mustered, and supplied with provisions, and marched against them. And the children of Israel encamped before them like two or three little flocks of kids : but the Syrians filled the land. And there came a man of God and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, "Thus saith Jehovah : 'Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah is the God of the hills but not the God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, that ye may know that I am Jehovah.' " And they encamped over against each other seven days : and it came to pass, that, on the seventh day they engaged in close battle ; and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. And they that were left fled to Aphek, into the city ; and a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

And his servants said unto him, "Behold now we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings : let us, we pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and halters about our necks, and go out to the king of Israel : peradventure he will spare thy life." So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put halters on their necks, and came

to the king of Israel, and said, "Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, 'I pray thee spare my life.'" And he said, "Is
 33 he yet alive? He is my brother!" And the men took *it* for an omen; and they made haste to get it declared if this were his intent; and they said, "Is Ben-hadad thy brother?" And he said, "Go, bring him hither." Then Ben-hadad came forth unto him; and he took him up into
 34 his chariot. Then *Ben-hadad* said unto him, "The cities which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make for thyself open spaces in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria." "Then," said *Ahab*, "I will release thee upon this covenant." So he made a covenant with him, and released him.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto one of his neighbours, by the word of Jehovah, "Smite me,
 36 I pray thee." And the man refused to smite him. Then said he unto him, "Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee." And as soon as he was departed from
 37 him, a lion met him, and slew him. Then he met another man, and said, "Smite me, I pray thee." And the man
 38 smote him severely, and wounded him. And the prophet departed, and waited for the king in the way, and disguised
 39 himself with a bandage over his eyes. And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king and said, "Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man stepped aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, 'Keep this man; and if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of
 40 silver.' And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." And the king of Israel said unto him, "Even so
 41 shall thy sentence be: thyself hast pronounced it." And he made haste, and took the bandage from over his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was one of the
 42 prophets. And he said unto him: "Thus saith Jehovah; 'Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for
 43 his life, and thy people for his people.'" And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased; and he came to Samaria.

1 CHAP. XXI.—And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in

Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And ² Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, "Give me thy vineyard that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or if it seem good in thine eyes, I will give thee the worth of it in money." And Naboth said unto ³ Ahab, "Jehovah forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." And Ahab came into his house, ⁴ heavy and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken unto him; for he had said, "I will not give unto thee the inheritance of my fathers." And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. And Jezebel his wife came to him, and said ⁵ unto him, "Why is thy spirit so sad that thou eatest no bread?" And he said unto her, "Because I spake unto ⁶ Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, 'Give me thy vineyard for money, or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it;' and he said, 'I will not give thee my vineyard.'" And Jezebel his wife said unto him, "Dost ⁷ thou now bear the rule over Israel? Arise *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, ⁸ and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a ⁹ fast, and set Naboth on high among the people; and set up ¹⁰ two vile men before him, to bear witness against him, saying, 'Thou didst blaspheme God and the king:' and then carry him out, and stone him that he may die." And the men ¹¹ of his city, even the elders and the nobles who dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. They ¹² proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And there came in two vile men and sat before him; and ¹³ the vile men witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth did blaspheme God and the king." Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. Then ¹⁴ they sent word to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth is stoned, and is dead." And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Na- ¹⁵ both was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give unto thee for money: for

16 Naboth is not alive, but dead." And it came to pass, when
 Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go
 down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take pos-
 17 session of it. And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the
 18 Tishbite, saying, "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Is-
 rael, who is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of
 Naboth, to which he is gone down to take possession of it.
 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah;
 Hast thou killed, and also taken possession?' And thou shalt
 speak unto him, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah; In the place
 where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick
 20 thy blood, even thine.'" And Ahab said to Elijah, "Hast
 thou found me, O mine enemy?" And he said, "I have
 found thee. Because thou hast sold thyself to work that
 21 which is evil in the sight of Jehovah, behold, I will bring
 evil upon thee; and I will utterly consume thy posterity;
 yea I will cut off from Ahab every male of *his offspring*,
 22 young child and grown man in Israel; and I will make
 thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
 and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because
 of the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to
 23 anger, and made Israel to sin." And of Jezebel also
 Jehovah spake, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the
 24 ditch of Jezreel. Him that dieth of Ahab in the city, the
 dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field, the birds
 of the air shall eat. Surely there hath been none like
 25 unto Ahab, who hath sold himself to do that which is evil
 in the sight of Jehovah, to whatsoever his wife Jezebel hath
 26 urged him on. And he hath done very abominably, in follow-
 ing idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Jehovah
 27 cast out before the children of Israel." And it came to pass,
 when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and
 put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth,
 28 and walked slowly *in sadness*. And the word of Jehovah
 came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "Seest thou how Ahab
 hath humbled himself before me? Because he hath hum-
 bled himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his
 days: but in his son's days, I will bring the evil upon his
 house."

1 CHAP. XXII.—And they continued *at peace* three years :
 2 there was no war between Syria and Israel. And it came
 to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of

Judah came down to the king of Israel. And the king of 3 Israel had said unto his servants, "Know ye that Ramoth in Gilcad is ours, and we remain quiet, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?" And he said unto Jehoshaphat, "Wilt thou go with me to battle, to Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, "I am even as thyself: my people are as thy people, and my horses as thy horses." And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, 5 "Enquire, I pray thee, this day, the word of Jehovah." And 6 the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" And they said, "Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king." And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a 7 prophet of Jehovah besides, that we may enquire of him?" And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, "There is yet 8 one man, by whom we may enquire of Jehovah: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil: Micaiah the son of Imlah." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so." Then the king of Israel called an officer 9 and said, "Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son of Imlah." And 10 the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in the open space at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaah 11 made unto himself horns of iron; and he said, "Thus saith Jehovah: 'With these shalt thou gore the Syrians, until thou have destroyed them utterly.'" And all the prophets 12 prophesied in like manner, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper: for Jehovah will deliver it into the king's hand." And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto 13 him, saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king, with one accord; let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good." And Micaiah said, "As Jehovah liveth, whatsoever Jehovah saith unto me, that will I speak." And he came 15 to the king. And the king said unto him, "Micaiah, shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?" And he said unto him, "Go and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king!" And the king said 16 unto him, "How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true, in the name of Jehovah?" And he said, "I saw all Israel scattered 17

upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd; and Jehovah said, 'These have no master; let them return every
18 man to his house in peace.'" And the king of Israel said
unto Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell thee that he would pro-
19 phesy no good concerning me, but evil?" And he said,
"Hear thou therefore the word of Jehovah. I saw Jehovah
sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by
20 him, on his right hand and on his left. And Jehovah said,
'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ra-
moth-gilead?' And one said on this manner, and another
21 on that. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before
22 Jehovah, and said, 'I will persuade him.' And Jehovah said
unto him 'How?' And he said 'I will go forth, and I will
be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he
said, 'Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth
23 and do so.' Now therefore, behold, Jehovah hath put a lying
spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; for Jehovah
24 hath spoken evil concerning thee." And Zedekiah the son of
Chenaanah drew near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and
said, "Which way went the spirit of Jehovah from me to
25 speak unto thee?" And Micaiah said, "Behold, thou shalt
see, in that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to
26 hide thyself." And the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah,
and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and
27 to Joash the king's son, and say, 'Thus saith the king; put
this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and
28 water of affliction, until I come in peace.'" And Micaiah
said, "If thou return at all in peace, Jehovah hath not
spoken by me." And he said, "Hearken, O my people,
every one of you."

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah
30 went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said unto
Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself, and enter into the
battle; but do thou wear thine own apparel." And the king
31 of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. But
the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains who had
rule over his chariots, saying, "Fight neither with small nor
32 great, save only with the king of Israel." And it came to
pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that
they said, "Surely it is the king of Israel." And they
turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out
33 *for aid*. And it came to pass, when the captains of the
chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that

they turned back from pursuing him. And a certain man 34 drew a bow in fair fight, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of his armour : and he said unto his charioteer, "Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host ; for I am wounded." And the battle was hot that day ; and the 35 king was propped up in his chariot, facing the Syrians ; and he died at even-tide ; and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. And about the going down of 36 the sun, a cry passed through the host, saying, "Every man to his own city, and every man to his own land !" And the 37 king died, and was brought to Samaria ; and they buried the king in Samaria. And the chariot was washed in the pool of 38 Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood ; (and they *also* washed his armour ;) according to the word of Jehovah which he spake.

And the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and 39 the ivory house that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel ? And Ahab slept with his fathers ; and his son 40 Ahaziah reigned in his stead.

And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah 41 in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. Jehoshaphat was 42 thirty-five years old when he began to reign : and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in all the 43 ways of Asa his father ; he turned not aside from them, doing that which was right in the sight of Jehovah. Nevertheless 44 the high places were not taken away ; the people offered sacrifice and burned incense still upon the high places. And 45 Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might 46 that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah ? And the 47 remnant of the Sodomites who were left in the days of his father Asa, he utterly destroyed out of the land.

There was then no king in Edom : a prefect was king. 48

Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish, to go to Ophir for 49 gold : but they went not ; for the ships were wrecked at Ezion-geber. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto 50 Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat consented not.

And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried 51

with his fathers in the city of David his father, and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

- 52 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah ;
53 and he reigned two years over Israel. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of
54 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And he served Baal, and worshipped him ; and provoked Jehovah the God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

THE

SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

CHAP. I.—And Moab rebelled against Israel after the 1
death of Ahab.

And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper 2
chamber which was in Samaria, and became sick; and he
sent messengers, and said unto them, “Go inquire of Baal-
zebub the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this
sickness.” And the angel of Jehovah said to Elijah the 3
Tishbite, “Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king
of Samaria, and say unto them, ‘Is it because there is no
God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god
of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith Jehovah, Thou shalt 4
not come down from the bed on which thou art gone up,
but shalt surely die.’” And Elijah departed. And the mes- 5
sengers returned unto him, and he said unto them, “Why
are ye turned back?” And they said unto him, “There came 6
up a man to meet us, and he said unto us, ‘Go, return unto
the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah,
Is it because there is no God in Israel, that thou sendest to
inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Therefore thou
shalt not come down from the bed on which thou art gone
up, but shalt surely die.’” And he said unto them, “What 7
manner of man was he who came up to meet you, and spake
unto you these words?” And they said unto him, “He 8
was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about
his loins.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.”
And he sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. 9
And he went up to him; and, behold, he was sitting on the
top of the mount. And he said unto him, “Thou man of
God, the king hath said, ‘Come down.’” And Elijah an- 10

swered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I be a man of God, then fire shall come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty men." And there came down fire from
 11 heaven, and consumed him and his fifty men. And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said unto him, "Thou man of God,
 12 thus hath the king said, 'Come down quickly.'" And Elijah answered and said unto him, "If I be a man of God, fire shall come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty men." And fire came down from heaven, and
 13 consumed him and his fifty men. And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, "O man of God, let my life, I pray thee, and the life of these fifty servants of
 14 thine, be precious in thy sight. Behold, there came down fire from heaven, and consumed the former two captains of fifty with their fifties; therefore let my life now be precious
 15 in thy sight." And the angel of Jehovah said unto Elijah, "Go down with him: be not afraid of him." And he arose,
 16 and went down with him unto the king. And he said unto him, "Thus saith Jehovah; 'Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel of whose word thou mightest inquire? Therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed on which thou hast gone up, but shalt surely die.'"

17 So he died, according to the word of Jehovah which Elijah had spoken. And because he had no son, Jehoram his brother reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.

18 And the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel?

1 CHAP. II.—And it came to pass, when Jehovah was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that
 2 Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to Bethel." And Elisha said, "As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So they went down
 3 to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that

Jehovah is about to take away thy master from over thy head, this day?" And he said, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace." And Elijah said unto him, "Elisha, tarry here, I 4 pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to Jericho." And he said, "As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." So they came to Jericho. And the sons of 5 the prophets who were in Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that Jehovah is about to take away thy master from over thy head, this day?" And he said, "Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace." And Elijah 6 said unto him, "Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And they both went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets 7 went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by the Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they divided hither and thither; and they both passed over on dry ground. And it 9 came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." And Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." And he said, 10 "Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless* if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so." And it came to pass, as they still 11 went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And 12 Elisha saw it, and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariot of Israel, and the steeds thereof!" And he saw him no more; and he laid hold on his own garments, and rent them into two pieces. And he took up the mantle of Elijah 13 which had fallen from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan; and he took the mantle of Elijah 14 which had fallen from him, and he too smote the waters, and said, "Where is Jehovah the God of Elijah?" And when he had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither, and Elisha passed over. And the sons of the prophets who 15 were in Jericho on the opposite side saw him, and they said, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha:" and they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. And they said unto him, "Behold now, there are with 16 thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee,

and seek thy master, lest peradventure the spirit of Jehovah hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or
 17 into some valley." And he said, "Send not." And they urged him till he was ashamed: and he said, "Send." And they sent fifty men, and they sought three days, but found
 18 him not. And they came again to him, for he had tarried at Jericho; and he said unto them, "Did I not say unto you, 'Go not?'"

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, "Behold, we pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord
 20 seeth; but the water is bad, and the soil barren." And he said, "Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein." And
 21 they brought it to him. And he went forth unto the source of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'I have healed these waters; there shall not
 22 be thence any more death, or barrenness *of soil*.'" And the waters were healed until this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

23 And he went up thence unto Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, "Go up, thou bald
 24 head! Go up, thou bald head!" And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of Jehovah; and there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tore in pieces forty and two children of them. And thence he went to mount Carmel; and thence he returned to Samaria.

1 CHAP. III.—And Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jeho-
 2 shaphat king of Judah; and he reigned twelve years: and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, yet not like his father, nor like his mother: for he put away the
 3 image of Baal which his father had made. Nevertheless he clave unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; he departed not from them.

4 And Mesha king of Moab was a flock-master; and he rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs and an hundred thousand rams; *that is to say*, the wool of
 5 them. But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the
 6 king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all
 7 Israel. And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of

Judah, saying, "The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle?" And he said, "I will go up; I am as thou art; my people as thy people, *and* my horses as thy horses." And he said, ⁸ "Which way shall we go up?" And he answered, "By the way of the wilderness of Edom." So the king of Israel ⁹ went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey; and there was no water for the host, nor for the cattle that followed them. And the king of Israel said, "Alas! that Jehovah should ¹⁰ have summoned these three kings, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!" But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there here no ¹¹ prophet of Jehovah, by whom we may inquire of Jehovah?" And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah, is here." And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of ¹² Jehovah is with him." So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom, went down to him. And ¹³ Elisha said unto the king of Israel, "What have I to do with thee? Go thou to the prophets of thy father, and the prophets of thy mother." And the king of Israel said unto him, "Nay; for Jehovah hath summoned these three kings, to deliver them into the hand of Moab." And Elisha said, ¹⁴ "As Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, were it not that I reverence Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee: but bring me now a ¹⁵ minstrel." And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of Jehovah came upon him. And he said, ¹⁶ "Thus saith Jehovah, 'Make this valley full of ditches:' for thus saith Jehovah, 'Ye shall not see wind, neither ¹⁷ shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye and your cattle, and your beasts.' And this is but a light thing in the sight of Jehovah; he ¹⁸ will deliver the Moabites also into your hand: and ye shall ¹⁹ smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all the wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones." And it came to pass ²⁰ in the morning, at the hour of offering up the sacrifice, that behold there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were ²¹ come to fight against them, they gathered all that were of an age to put on armour, and upward, and stood upon the

22 border. And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun
 shone upon the water; and the Moabites saw the water on
 23 the other side red as blood. And they said, "This is blood;
 the kings are surely slain; and they have smitten one an-
 24 other: now therefore, Moab to the spoil!" And when they
 came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote
 the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went
 25 among them, smiting the Moabites. And they beat down the
 cities; and on every good piece of land, every man cast his
 stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water,
 and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-haraseth they left
 the stones thereof; but yet the slingers went round it, and
 26 smote it. And when the king of Moab saw that the battle
 was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men
 that drew sword, to break through even unto the king of
 27 Edom; but they could not. Then he took his eldest son
 who was to have been king in his stead, and offered him up
 for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great in-
 dignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and
 returned to *their own* land.

1 CHAP. IV.—And a certain woman of the wives of the
 sons of the prophets cried unto Elisha, saying, "Thy servant
 my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant was
 one that feared Jehovah; and a creditor is come to take unto
 2 him my two sons to be bondmen." And Elisha said unto
 her, "What shall I do for thee? Tell me what hast thou
 in the house?" And she said, "Thine handmaid hath not
 3 any thing in the house, save a jar of oil." And he said,
 "Go, borrow thee vessels abroad, of all thy neighbours;
 4 empty vessels; borrow not a few. And when thou art come
 in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons;
 and thou shalt pour out into all those vessels, and shalt set
 5 aside that which is full." So she went from him, and shut
 the door upon her and upon her sons; and they brought *the*
 6 *vessels* to her, and she poured out. And it came to pass,
 when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, "Bring
 me another vessel." And he said unto her, "There is not a
 7 vessel more." And the oil ceased flowing. Then she came
 and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil,
 and pay thy debt; and live, thou and thy children, on the
 rest."

8 And it came to pass on a certain day, that Elisha passed

to Shunem, where there was a great lady; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as often as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. And she said 9 unto her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who passeth by us continually. Let us make a little walled upper-chamber, I pray thee; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a lamp-stand; and it shall be, that whenever he cometh to us, he shall turn in thither." And it came to pass on a certain day, that he 11 came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." 12 And when he had called her, she stood before him. And 13 he said unto him, "Say now unto her, 'Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? Hast thou any matter to be mentioned to the king, or to the captain of the host?'" And she said, "I dwell in the midst of mine own people." And he said, 14 "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old." And 15 he said, "Call her." And he called her, and she stood in the door. And he said, "About this season, next year, thou 16 shalt embrace a son." And she said, "Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid." And the 17 woman conceived, and bare a son at that season next year, as Elisha had said unto her.

And when the child was grown, it came to pass on a cer- 18 tain day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And 19 he said unto his father, "My head, my head!" And he said to a young man, "Carry him to his mother." And he 20 took him, and brought him to his mother; and he sat upon her knees till noon; and then he died. And she went up, 21 and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. And she called unto her hus- 22 band, and said, "Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again." And he said, "Wherefore wilt thou go 23 to him to-day? It is neither new moon nor sabbath." And she said, "It is well." Then she saddled an ass, and said to 24 her servant, "Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee." So she went, and came unto the man 25 of God, to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, *yonder* is that Shunammite. Run now, I pray thee, 26

to meet her, and say unto her, 'Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?'" And
27 she answered, "It is well." And when she came to the man of God, to the hill, she caught him by the feet: and Gehazi came near to thrust her away. But the man of God said, "Let her alone, for her soul is vexed within her; and Jehovah hath hid it from me, and hath not told me." And she
28 said, "Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'" Then he said unto Gehazi, "Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any man salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon
30 the face of the child." And the mother of the child said, "As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave
31 thee." And he arose and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor feeling. And he turned him back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The
32 child is not awaked." And Elisha came into the house, and behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed. And he went in, and shut the door upon them two; and he
34 prayed unto Jehovah. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands, and he stretched himself upon him; and the flesh of the child became warm.
35 And he returned, and walked in the house, to and fro: and he went up *again*, and stretched himself upon him; and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
36 And he called to Gehazi, and said, "Call this Shunammite." And he called her. And when she was come in unto him,
37 he said, "Take up thy son." And she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.
38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal; and there was a famine in the land. And the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said unto his servant, "Set on the great
39 pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets." And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild cucumber-plant, and gathered thereof wild cucumbers, his lap-full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage; for they knew them not. And they poured out for the
40 men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, "O man of God, there

is death in the pot!" And they could not eat thereof. And he said, "Then bring meal." And he cast it into the 41 pot; and he said, "Pour out for the people, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

And there came a man from Baal-shalisha; and he brought 42 unto the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves, and full ears of corn in the husk. And he said, "Give unto the people, that they may eat." And his at- 43 tendant said, "What! shall I set this before an hundred men?" And he said, "Give unto the people, that they may eat; for thus saith Jehovah, 'They shall eat, and have to spare.'" And he set it before them; and they did eat, and 44 had to spare, according to the word of Jehovah.

CHAP. V.—And Naaman, captain of the host of the king 1 of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him Jehovah had given deliverance unto Syria: and the man was mighty in valour; *but* he was a leper. And the Syrians had gone out in troops, and had brought 2 away captive out of the land of Israel, a young maiden; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mis- 3 tress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! for then he would recover him from his leprosy." And one went in, and told his lord, saying, "Thus and thus 4 said the maiden that is of the land of Israel." And the 5 king of Syria said, "Go without fail, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel." And *Naaman* departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he brought the 6 letter to the king of Israel, saying, "Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant unto thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy." And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the 7 letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me, to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me."

And it came to pass, that when Elisha the man of God had 8 heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and 9 with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." And Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, "Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call upon the name of Jehovah his God, and pass his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharphar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean?" And he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee *do* some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather then, when 14 he saith unto thee, 'Wash and be clean?' " Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again, 15 like the flesh of a little child: and he was clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, "Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore I pray thee, accept a present from thy servant." 16 But he said, "As Jehovah liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it; but he 17 refused. And Naaman said, "Shall there not, I pray thee, be given to thy servant, two mules' burden of earth? For thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor 18 sacrifice unto other gods, but unto Jehovah. Yet in this thing Jehovah pardon thy servant; when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth upon mine arm, and I bow myself down in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself down in the house of Rimmon, 19 Jehovah pardon thy servant in this thing." And he said unto him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him a little 20 way. But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Behold, my master hath spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought; but as Jehovah liveth, I will run after him, and take some- 21 what of him." So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he alighted from 22 the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?" And he said, "All is well; *but* my master hath sent me, saying, 'Behold, even now there are come to me from mount Ephraim, two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of raiment.' "

And Naaman said, "Be prevailed upon, take two talents." ²³ And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and gave them unto two of his servants; and they carried them before him. And when he came to the mount, he took them from their ²⁴ hand, and laid them up in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. And he went in, and stood before his ²⁵ master; and Elisha said unto him, "Whence comest thou, Gehazi?" And he said, "Thy servant went no where." And he said, "Did not mine heart sink, when the man ²⁶ turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive silver, and to receive garments, and olive-yards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave ²⁷ unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever." And he went out from his presence a leper *white* as snow.

CHAP. VI.—And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, "Behold now, the place in which we dwell with thee, is too small for us. Let us go, we pray thee, unto the Jordan, ² and take thence every man a beam, and let us make there a place in which we may dwell." And he said, "Go." And ³ one said, "Be prevailed on, I pray thee, and go with thy servants." And he said, "I will go." So he went with them. ⁴ And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. And as one of them was felling a beam, the iron *axe-head* fell ⁵ into the water; and he cried, and said, "Alas, master! for it was borrowed!" And the man of God said, "Where did it ⁶ fall?" And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and the iron floated. And he ⁷ said, "Take it up unto thee." And he put out his hand, and took it.

And the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took ⁸ counsel with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp." And the man of God sent unto ⁹ the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that thou neglect not such a place; for thither the Syrians are coming down." And the king of Israel sent to the place of which the man ¹⁰ of God had told him and warned him; and every man was on his guard there; and *this happened* not once nor twice. And the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled at this ¹¹ thing: and he called his servants and said unto them, "Will ye not shew unto me which of those that belong to us is on

12 the king of Israel's side?" And one of his servants said,
"Nay, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet who is in
Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest
13 in thy bed-chamber." And he said, "Go and see where he
is, that I may send and take him." And it was told unto
14 him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan." And he sent
thither horses, and chariots, and a great host; and they came
15 by night, and surrounded the city. And the attendant of the
man of God rose up early, and went forth, and, behold, a
host surrounded the city, both with horses and chariots.
And his young man said unto him, "Alas, my master! how
16 shall we do?" And he said, "Fear not; for they that are
17 with us are more than they that are with them." And
Elisha prayed, and said, "O Jehovah! open, I pray thee, his
eyes that he may see." And Jehovah opened the eyes of the
young man, and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full
18 of horses and chariots of fire, round about Elisha. And they
came down unto him; and Elisha prayed unto Jehovah, and
said, "Smite, I pray thee, this people with blindness." And
he smote them with blindness, according to the word of
19 Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, "This is not the way,
neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to
20 the man whom ye seek." And he led them to Samaria. And
it came to pass, when they were come to Samaria, that Elisha
said, "O Jehovah! open the eyes of these men, that they
may see." And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they saw:
21 and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. And the
king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, "My
22 father! shall I smite? shall I smite?" And he said, "Smite
not: wouldst thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive
with thy sword and with thy bow? Set bread and water
before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their
23 master." And he prepared for them a great banquet: and
when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and
they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came
no more into the land of Israel.

24 And it came to pass, after this, that Ben-hadad, king of
Syria, gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged
25 Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria: and,
behold, they besieged it until an ass's head was sold for
fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of
26 pigeon's dung for five pieces of silver. And as the king of
Israel was passing by upon the wall, a woman cried unto

him, saying, "Help! my lord, O king!" And he said, 27
 "If Jehovah do not help thee, whence shall I help thee?
 out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press?" And the 28
 king said unto her, "What aileth thee?" And she said,
 "This woman said unto me, 'Give thy son, that we may eat
 him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow.' So we 29
 boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the
 next day, 'Give thy son, that we may eat him:' and she hath
 hid her son." And it came to pass, when the king heard 30
 the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes: (now he
 was passing by on the wall:) and the people looked, and,
 behold, he had sack-cloth within upon his flesh. And he 31
 said, "God do so unto me, and more also, if the head of
 Elisha the son of Shaphat shall remain upon him this day."
 And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were 32
 sitting with him; and *the king* sent a man before him; but
 ere the messenger came to him *Elisha* said to the elders, "See
 ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take off my head?
 Look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold
 him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet
 behind him?" And while he was yet talking with them, 33
 behold the messenger came down to him. (Now *the king*
 had said, "Behold, this evil is from Jehovah; why should
 I wait for Jehovah any longer?") CHAP. VII.—And 1
Elisha said, "Hear ye the word of Jehovah: thus saith Je-
 hovah, 'To-morrow about this time a measure of fine flour
 shall be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a
 shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'" And the lord on whose 2
 arm the king leaned, answered the man of God, and said,
 "Behold, will Jehovah make windows in heaven, that this
 thing should come to pass?" And he said, "Behold, thou
 shalt see it with thine eyes; but thou shalt not eat thereof."

And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the 3]
 gate: and they said one to another, "Why sit we here until
 we die? If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' then the 4
 famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit
 still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us desert
 unto the host of the Syrians: if they spare our lives, we
 shall live; and if they kill us, we shall *but* die." And they 5
 rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians;
 and when they were come to the verge of the camp of the
 Syrians, behold, there was no man there. For Jehovah had 6
 made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and

a noise of horses, even the noise of a very great host : and they said one to another, "Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the
7 Egyptians, to come upon us." And they arose, and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their
8 asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their lives. And when these lepers came to the verge of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink ; and carried thence silver and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it. And they came again and went into another tent, and carried thence
9 *also*, and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, "We do not well : this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace : if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us : now therefore, come,
10 let us go, and tell the king's household." So they came, and called unto the guards at the gate of the city : and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there ; neither voice of man ; but horses tied, and asses tied, and tents as
11 they were." And the guards of the gate were called, and
12 they told it to the king's household within. And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, "I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are famishing ; therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into
13 the city.' " And one of his servants answered, and said, "Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city ; (behold, these are all that remain unto the whole multitude of Israel ;) and let us send and see."
14 They took therefore two pair of horses, and the king sent
15 after the host of the Syrians, saying, "Go and see." And they went after them to the Jordan ; and, behold, all the way was full of garments and weapons, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and
16 told the king. And the people went out, and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of Jehovah.
17 And the king appointed the lord on whose arm he had leaned, to have the charge of the gate : and the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

And it came to pass, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, to-morrow about this time, in the gate of Samaria," and that lord answered the man of God, and said, "Now, behold, will Jehovah make windows in heaven, that this thing should come to pass?" and he said, "Behold thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof," even so it came to pass with him; for the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.—And Elisha spake unto the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, thou and thine household, and sojourn wherever thou canst sojourn: for Jehovah hath called for a famine, and it is even come upon the land, for seven years." And the woman arose, and did as the man of God had said; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines; and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. And the king was conversing with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done." And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead body to life, that, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life." And the king asked the woman, and she told him. And the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the profits of the field, since the day that she left the land, even until now."

And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told unto him, saying, "The man of God is come hither." And the king said unto Hazael, "Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of Jehovah by him, saying, 'Shall I recover of this disease?'" So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Thy son Ben-hadad the king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, 'Shall I recover of this

10 disease?" And Elisha said unto him, "Go, say unto him, 'Thou shalt certainly recover;' howbeit Jehovah hath
11 shewed unto me that he shall surely die." And he settled his countenance steadfastly *upon him*, until he was ashamed:
12 and the man of God wept. And Hazael said, "Why weepeth my lord?" And he said, "Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel; their strongholds thou wilt set on fire; and their young men thou wilt slay with the sword; and thou wilt dash their children in pieces; and thou wilt rip up their women
13 with child." And Hazael said, "But what! Is thy servant a dog that he should do this great thing?" And Elisha said, "Jehovah hath showed me that thou shalt be king
14 over Syria." And he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; and he said to him, "What said Elisha unto thee?" And he said, "He told me that thou shouldst
15 surely recover." And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began
17 to reign. He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for a daughter of Ahab was his wife; and
18 he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. Yet Jehovah would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he had promised him to give unto him, and unto his children, a lamp for ever.

20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. And Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him; and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites who had surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots; but the people fled unto their
22 tents. And Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of
24 Judah? And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of 25 Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he 26 began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri, king of Israel. And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, 27 and did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah as did the house of Ahab: for he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against 28 Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. And king Joram went back to be healed 29 in Jezreel, of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab, in Jezreel, because he was sick.

CHAP. IX.—And Elisha the prophet called one of the i sons of the prophets, and said unto him, “Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead: and when thou comest thither, look there 2 for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi; and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and bring him to an inner chamber; and take the box of oil, and 3 pour it on his head, and say, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed thee king over Israel;’ and open the door, and flee, and tarry not.” And the young man, *even* the young prophet, 4 went to Ramoth-gilead. And when he came, behold, the cap- 5 tains of the host were sitting; and he said, “I have a message for thee, O captain.” And Jehu said, “For which of us all?” And he said, “For thee, O captain.” And he arose, and 6 went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, “Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, ‘I have anointed thee king over the people of Jehovah, *even* over Israel. And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy 7 master, that I may take vengeance upon Jezebel for the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Jehovah. For the whole house of Ahab shall 8 perish: and I will cut off from Ahab every male *of his offspring*, young child and grown man in Israel. And I 9 will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the

10 son of Ahijah : and the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the field of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' ” And he opened the door and fled.

11 And Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord : and one said unto him, “Is all well? Wherefore came this mad fellow to thee?” And he said unto them, “Ye know the
12 man, and his communication.” And they said, “It is false : tell us, we pray thee.” And he said, “Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, ‘Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed thee
13 king over Israel.’ ” Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and they put them under him on the steps of the stairs ; and they blew with trumpets, saying, “Jehu is
14 king !” So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. Now Joram had been guarding Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of
15 Syria : but king Jehoram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Jehu said, “If such be your mind, let no deserter go forth out of the city
16 to go to tell it in Jezreel.” And Jehu mounted his chariot, and went to Jezreel ; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah
17 king of Judah was come down to see Joram. And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, “I see a company.” And Jehoram said, “Take a horseman, and send to meet
18 them, and let him say, “Is it peace?” So there went out one on horseback to meet him, and said, “Thus saith the king, ‘Is it peace?’ ” And Jehu said, “What hast thou to do with peace? Turn thee behind me.” And the watchman told, saying, “The messenger came to them, but he cometh not
19 again.” Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, “Thus saith the king, ‘Is it peace?’ ” And Jehu said, “What hast thou to do with peace? Turn
20 thee behind me.” And the watchman told saying, “He came even unto them, and he cometh not again : and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi ; for he driveth
21 furiously.” And Jehoram said, “Make ready my chariot.” And his chariot was made ready. And Jehoram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu ; and they met him in
22 the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. And it came to pass, when Jehoram saw Jehu, that he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” And he said, “What peace can there be, so long as the whoredoms

of thy mother Jezebel and her witch-crafts are so many?" And 23
 Jehoram turned his hands and fled; and he said to Ahaziah,
 "There is treachery, O Ahaziah!" And Jehu drew a bow 24
 with all his might, and smote Jehoram between his arms;
 and the arrow went out at his heart; and he sunk down in
 his chariot. Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, "Take 25
 him up, *and* cast him into the portion of the field of Naboth
 the Jezreelite; for remember how, when I and thou rode to-
 gether after Ahab his father, Jehovah laid this burden upon
 him: 'Have I not seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the 26
 blood of his sons?' said Jehovah; 'therefore I will requite
 thee in this field,' said Jehovah; now therefore take and
 cast him into that field, according to the word of Jehovah."
 And when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by 27
 the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after
 him, and said, "Smite him also in the chariot." *And they*
did so in the way up to Gur, which is by Jibleam. And he
 fled to Megiddo, and died there. And his servants carried 28
 him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepul-
 chre with his fathers in the city of David. Now Ahaziah 29
 had begun to reign over Judah in the eleventh year of Joram
 the son of Ahab.

And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; 30
 and she stained her eye-lids, and decked her head, and
 looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the 31
 gate, she said, "Went it well with Zimri who slew his
 master?" And he lifted up his face toward the window, 32
 and said, "Who is on my side? who?" And there looked
 out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, "Throw her 33
 down!" And they threw her down; and some of her blood
 splashed up against the wall, and on the horses; and she was
 trampled under foot. And when he was come in, he did 34
 eat and drink, and said, "Go, see now after this accursed
 woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter." And 35
 they went to bury her; but they found no more of her but
 the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. Where- 36
 fore they came again and told him; and he said, "This is
 the word of Jehovah, which he spake by his servant Elijah
 the Tishbite, saying, 'In the field of Jezreel shall dogs eat
 the flesh of Jezebel; and the carcase of Jezebel shall be as 37
 dung on the face of the ground in the field of Jezreel: so
 that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.'"

- 1 CHAP. X.—And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria unto the rulers of the city, unto the elders, and unto the guardians of
2 Ahab's *children*, saying, "Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, also a fenced city, and armour,
3 look out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's
4 house." But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, "Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we
5 stand?" And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the guardians *of the children* sent to Jehu, saying, "We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou
6 that which is good in thine eyes." And he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, "If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to-morrow at this time." Now the king's sons, seventy men, were with
7 the great men of the city, who were their guardians. And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew *them*, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent *them* unto him to Jezreel. And there came a messenger and told him, saying,
8 "They have brought the heads of the king's sons." And he said, "Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning." And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, "Ye are righteous! Behold, I conspired against my master, and
9 slew him; but who slew all these? Know now that there shall fall to the ground nothing of the word of Jehovah, which Jehovah spake concerning the house of Ahab: for Jehovah hath done that which he spake by his servant
10 Elijah." And Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his companions, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.
12 And he arose, and departed, and came to Samaria. And
13 as he was at Beth-eked-haraim in the way, Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, "Who are ye?" And they said, "We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we are going down to salute the children of the king,
14 and the children of the queen." And he said, "Take them alive." And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of

Beth-ekeb; even forty-two men: and he left not a man of them. And he departed thence, and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, "Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?" And Jehonadab said, "It is." *And he said*, "If it be, give me thine hand:" and he gave *him* his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot. And he said, "Come with me, and see my zeal for Jehovah:" and he made him ride in his chariot. And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had utterly destroyed him, according to the saying of Jehovah, which he had spoken unto Elijah.

And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, "Ahab served Baal a little, *but* Jehu will serve him much. Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting; for I have a great sacrifice to do unto Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live." But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. And Jehu said, "Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal." And they proclaimed it. And Jehu sent through all Israel; and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full, from one end to another. And he said unto him that was over the wardrobe, "Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal." And he brought them forth vestments. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal; and he said unto the worshippers of Baal, "Search, and see that there be here with you none of the servants of Jehovah, but the worshippers of Baal only." And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed four-score men without, and said, "If any one of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, the life of him *that letteth him go* shall be for his life." And it came to pass, as soon as an end had been made of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guards and to the captains, "Go in, *and* slay them: let none come forth." And they smote them with the edge of the sword: and the guards and the captains cast them out; and they went to the city of the house of Baal. And they brought forth the image out of the house of Baal, and burnt it. And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal; and made it a privy

28 until this day. Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.
 29 Howbeit Jehu departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; *to wit*, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and in Dan.

30 And Jehovah said unto Jehu, "Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit
 31 upon the throne of Israel." But Jehu took not heed, to walk in the law of Jehovah the God of Israel, with all his heart; for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin.

32 In those days Jehovah began to cut Israel short: and
 33 Hazael smote them in all the borders of Israel, from the Jordan eastward; all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in
 36 Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

1 CHAP. XI.—And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the
 2 seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were *to be* slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bed-chamber,
 3 from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of Jehovah six years. And Athaliah
 4 reigned over the land. And in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent, and fetched the captains of hundreds over the lictors and the guards, and brought them to him into the house of Jehovah, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of Jehovah, and shewed them the
 5 king's son. And he commanded them, saying, "This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you that enter in on
 6 the sabbath shall keep watch over the king's house; and a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard-house: so shall ye keep watch

over the house, for defence. And two parts of all of you 7 that go forth on the sabbath, shall keep watch in the house of Jehovah, about the king. And ye shall surround 8 the king, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranks, let him be slain; and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in." And 9 the captains of hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. And to the captains over hundreds, the priest gave 10 king David's spears and shields, which were in the temple of Jehovah. And the guards stood, every man with his weapons 11 in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the house to the left corner of the house, by the altar and the house. And *Jehoiada* brought forth the king's son, and 12 put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the Testimony: and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, "Long live the king!"

And Athaliah heard the noise of the guards and of the 13 people; and she came to the people into the house of Jehovah. And she looked, and behold, the king was standing 14 upon the *royal* pedestal, as the manner was; and the princes and the trumpeters were by the king; and all the people of the land were rejoicing, and blowing with trumpets; and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, "Treason! treason!" But Je- 15 hoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, "Put her forth without the ranks; and let him that followeth after her kill *her* with the sword." (For the priest had said, "Let her not be slain in the house of Jehovah.") And they laid 16 hands on her, and she went by the way of the horse-avenue to the king's house; and there was she slain.

And Jehoiada made a covenant between Jehovah, and the 17 king, and the people, that they should be the people of Jehovah: and also *he made a covenant* between the king and the people. And all the people of the land went into the house 18 of Baal, and tore it down; his altars and his images they brake in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of Jehovah. And he took the captains of 19 hundreds, and the lictors, and the guards, and all the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house

of Jehovah, and came by the way of the gate of the guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.
 20 And all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was in quiet; and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

1 CHAP. XII.—*And* Jehoash was seven years old when
 2 he began to reign. In the seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And
 3 his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah all his
 4 days, so long as Jehoiada the priest instructed him. But the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.
 5 And Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the consecrated things that is brought into the house of Jehovah, even each man's current money, the money at which each man is rated, *and* all the money that it cometh into any
 6 man's heart to bring into the temple of Jehovah, let the priests receive it, every one of his acquaintance; and let them repair the dilapidations of the house, wherever any
 7 dilapidation shall be found." But it was so, that in the twenty-third year of king Jehoash, the priests had not repaired the dilapidations of the house. Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, "Why repair ye not the dilapidations of the house? Now therefore ye shall no longer receive money
 8 of your acquaintance; but ye shall deliver it up, for *the repair*
 9 *of* the dilapidations of the house." And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to
 10 repair the dilapidations of the house. But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of Jehovah; and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of Jehovah.
 11 And it was so, that, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put it up in bags, and counted the
 12 money that was found in the house of Jehovah. And they gave the money, when it was counted, into the hands of them that did the work, and had the oversight of the house of Jehovah; and they gave it out to the carpenters and builders,
 13 who wrought upon the house of Jehovah; and to masons,

and hewers of stone; and to buy timber and hewn stone, to repair the dilapidations of the house of Jehovah; and for all that was laid out upon the house, to repair it. Howbeit, ¹⁴ there were not made for the house of Jehovah, bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, nor any vessels of gold, nor vessels of silver, out of the money that was brought into the house of Jehovah. But they gave it to the workmen, ¹⁵ and repaired with it the house of Jehovah. Moreover they ¹⁶ reckoned not with the men into whose hands they delivered the money to give unto the workmen, because they dealt faithfully. The trespass-money and the sin-money was not ¹⁷ brought into the house of Jehovah: it was the priests'.

Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against ¹⁸ Gath, and took it; and Hazael set his face to go to Jerusalem. And Jehoash king of Judah took all the consecrated things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, ¹⁹ his fathers, kings of Judah, had consecrated, and his own consecrated things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem.

And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are ²⁰ they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew ²¹ Joash, in the house upon the embankment, on the way down to Silla. For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, and Jehoabad ²² the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.—In the twenty-third year of Joash the ¹ son of Ahaziah king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria; *and he reigned seven-* ² *teen years.* And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin: he departed not from them. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and ³ he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* ⁴ days. And Jehoahaz besought Jehovah, and Jehovah ⁵ hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. And Jehovah gave

unto Israel a saviour, so that they went forth from under the hand of the Syrians ; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as in former times. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, *but* walked in them ; moreover the image of Ashera was kept standing in Samaria. And there were left unto Jehoahaz, of the people, but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen ; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and made them like the dust by threshing.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel ?

And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria : and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria ; *and he reigned* sixteen years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah ; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin ; but walked therein.

And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel ?

And Joash slept with his fathers ; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne ; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

Now Elisha was fallen sick of the sickness whereof he died : and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, " O my father, my father ! the chariot of Israel, and the steeds thereof ! " And Elisha said unto him, " Take bow and arrows." And he took unto him bow and arrows. And he said unto the king of Israel, " Put thine hand upon the bow." And he put his hand *upon* it : and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, " Open the window toward the east." And he opened it. Then Elisha said, " Shoot." And he shot. And *Elisha* said, " The arrow of Jehovah's deliverance, yea the arrow of deliverance from Syria ! for thou shalt smite the Assyrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them." And he said, " Take the arrows." And he took them. And he said unto

the king of Israel, "Smite upon the ground." And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth ¹⁹ with him, and said, "Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times: then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it; whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice."

And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of ²⁰ the Moabites invaded the land at the beginning of the year. And it came to pass that they were burying a man, and, ²¹ behold, they spied a band of *Moabites*. And they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha; and when the man was let down, and had touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood on his feet.

But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of ²² Jehoahaz. And Jehovah was gracious unto them, and had ²³ compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and would not destroy them; neither did he cast them from his presence yet. And Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his ²⁴ son reigned in his stead. And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him; and he recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAP XIV.—In the second year of Joash the son of ¹ Joahaz king of Israel, Amaziah, the son of Joash king of Judah, began to reign. He was five-and-twenty years old ² when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jeru- ³ salem. And he did that which was right in the sight of ³ Jehovah; yet not like David his father. He did according to all that Joash his father had done. Only the high places ⁴ were not taken away; as yet the people offered sacrifice and burned incense on the high places.

And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed ⁵ in his hand, that he slew his servants who had slain the king his father. But the children of the murderers he slew not; ⁶ according unto that which is written in the book of the Law of Moses, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor shall the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin." He slew ten thousand men of Edom in the valley ⁷

of salt; and he took Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

- 8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of
Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let
9 us look one another in the face." And Jehoash king of
Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle
that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon,
saying, 'Give thy daughter to my son, to wife.' And there
passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled down
10 the thistle. Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart
hath lifted thee up: glory in *this*, and tarry at home: for
why shouldst thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldst
11 fall; even thou, and Judah with thee?" But Amaziah
would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up;
and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in
12 the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. And
Judah was smitten down before Israel; and they fled, every
13 man to their tents. And Jehoash king of Israel took Ama-
ziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah,
at Beth-shemesh; and he came to Jerusalem, and battered
down the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim unto
14 the gate of the corner-tower, four hundred cubits. And he
took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were
found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the
king's house, and the hostages; and returned to Samaria.
15 And the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and
his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah,
are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings
of Israel?
16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in
Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son
reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash the king of Judah, lived
after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel,
fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written
in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

19 And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem;
and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish,
20 and slew him there. And they brought him on horses; and he
was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers, in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Azariah who was sixteen

years old, and made him king, instead of his father Amaziah. He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after that the king 22 slept with his fathers.

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of 23 Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, *and he reigned* forty-one years. And 24 he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. He departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who made Israel to sin. He restored the border of Israel²⁵ from the approach to Hamath even to the Sea of the Plain; according to the word of Jehovah the God of Israel, which he spake by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who was of Gath-hepher. For Jehovah saw the afflict- 26 tion of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none left, neither young child nor grown man; neither was there any helper for Israel. Yet Jehovah said that he would not blot 27 out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, even all that he 28 did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *and all* as far as Judah, unto Israel, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel?

And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings 29 of Israel: and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.—In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam 1 king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah king of Judah began to reign. He was sixteen years old when he began 2 to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. And 3 he did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. Only 4 the high places were not taken away; the people still offered sacrifice and burned incense on the high places.

And Jehovah smote the king, so that he was a leper unto 5 the day of his death; and he dwelt in a separate house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

And the rest of the acts of Azariah, even all that he did, 6 are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

7 And Azariah slept with his fathers ; and they buried him with his fathers, in the city of David ; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria, six months. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah as his fathers had done : he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel. This was the word of Jehovah which he spake unto Jehu, saying, " Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation." And so it came to pass.

13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah ; and he reigned a month in Samaria. For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiraey which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel.

16 At that time Menahem smote Tiphsach, and all that were therein, and the borders thereof, from Tirzah ; because it opened not *its gates to him*, therefore he smote it ; and all the women therein that were with child, he ripped up.

17 In the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel, *and he reigned* ten years in Samaria. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah : he departed not, all his days, from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land ; and Menahem gave unto Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him, to confirm the kingdom in his hand. And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and remained not there in the land.

And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, ²¹ are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel?

And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his ²² son reigned in his stead.

In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah ²³ the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria; *and he reigned* two years. And he did that which was evil ²⁴ in the sight of Jehovah; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And ²⁵ Pekah the son of Remaliah, one of his captains, with *them* of Argob and Arieih, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria in the citadel of the king's house; (and along with him were fifty men of the Gileadites;) and he killed him, and reigned in his stead.

And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, ²⁶ behold, they are written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel.

In the fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, ²⁷ Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria; *and he reigned* twenty years. And he did that ²⁸ which was evil in the sight of Jehovah; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath- ²⁹ pileser king of Assyria came, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, *and* all the land of Naphtali; and carried *the* ³⁰ *people* thereof captive to Assyria. And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, ³¹ behold, they are written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Israel.

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of ³² Israel, Jotham the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign. He was five-and-twenty years old when he began to ³³ reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And ³⁴ he did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah; he did

35 according to all that his father Uzziah had done. Howbeit the high places were not removed; the people offered sacrifice and burned incense still upon the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of Jehovah.

36 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

37 In those days Jehovah began to send against Judah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers, in the city of David his father. And Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XVI.—In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began
2 to reign. Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the sight of Jehovah his
3 God, like David his father. But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; yea, and he made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom
4 Jehovah had cast out before the children of Israel. And he offered sacrifice and burned incense upon the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to war; and they
6 besieged Ahaz, but were not able to overcome him. At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove out the Jews from Elath; and Syrians came to Elath;
7 and they dwell there unto this day. And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am thy servant and thy son; come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of
8 Israel, who have risen up against me." And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present
9 to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria; and he saw the altar that was in Damascus. And king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest a likeness of the

altar, and a pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. And Urijah the priest built an altar; according to 11 all that king Ahaz had sent from Damaseus, so did Urijah the priest, against the coming of king Ahaz from Damaseus. And when the king was come from Damaseus, the king saw 12 the altar; and the king drew nigh unto the altar, and offered sacrifice thereon. And he burned his burnt-offering and his 13 meal-offering, and poured out his libation, and sprinkled the blood of his thank-offering upon the altar. And he brought 14 also the brazen altar which was before *the house of Jehovah*, from the fore-front of the house, from between *the new* altar and the house of Jehovah, and put it on the north side of *the new* altar. And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, say- 15 ing, "Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king's burnt-offering, and his meal-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meal-offering, and their libations; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice. And I will consider about the brazen altar." And Urijah the priest did according to all 16 that king Ahaz commanded. And king Ahaz cut out the 17 panels of the laver-stands *in the temple*, and removed the lavers from them; and he took down the sea from the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a stone pedestal. And the sabbath-portico which they had built in 18 the house, and the king's passage outwards, he removed from the house of Jehovah, for the king of Assyria.

And the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not 19 written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his 20 fathers, in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.—In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of 1 Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel: *and he reigned* nine years. And he did that 2 which was evil in the sight of Jehovah; yet not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up Shal- 3 manezzer king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant and gave him presents. And the king of Assyria discovered 4 treachery in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut

5 him up and bound him in prison. And the king of Assyria went up all over the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and by Habor the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and had feared other gods, and had walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom Jehovah had cast out from before the children of Israel, and in those of the kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Israel did secretly those things which were not right against Jehovah their God; for they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; and they set up for themselves images and standing pillars, on every high hill and under every green tree; and there they burned incense on all the high places, as did the heathen whom Jehovah carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke Jehovah to anger: for they served idols, whereof Jehovah had said unto them, "Ye shall not do this thing." Yet Jehovah testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and all the seers, saying, "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments, and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent unto you by my servants the prophets." Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like unto the neck of their fathers, who did not believe in Jehovah their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant which he had made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain; and went after the heathen who were round about them, concerning whom Jehovah had charged them that they should not do like unto them. And they left all the commandments of Jehovah their God; and made unto themselves molten images, even two calves, and made *images of* Ashera, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire; and used divination and enchantments; and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. Therefore Jehovah was very angry with Israel, and removed

them out of his sight ; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Even Judah kept not the commandments of 19 Jehovah their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they had made. And Jehovah rejected all the seed of Israel 20 and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. For he rent Israel 21 from the house of David ; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king ; and Jeroboam drew away Israel from following Jehovah, and made them commit a great sin. For the 22 children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did ; they departed not from them, until Jehovah moved 23 Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria, unto this day.

And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and 24 from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath ; and Sepharvaites ; and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel ; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And it came to pass at the be- 25 ginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not Jehovah ; therefore Jehovah sent lions among them, which slew some of them. And they spake unto the king of Assyria, 26 saying, " The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the god of the land : therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the god of the land." And the king of Assyria com- 27 manded, saying, " Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought away thence ; and let them go and dwell there ; and let him teach them the manner of the god of the land." And one of the priests whom they had carried away from 28 Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and told them how they should fear Jehovah. Howbeit, every nation made gods of 29 their own, and put them in the houses on the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their own cities wherein they dwelt. And the men of Babylon made 30 the *idol of the* tabernacles for damsels, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and 31 the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvaites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of the Sepharvaites. So they feared Jehovah ; 32 and they made unto themselves of the lowest among them priests of the high places, who offered sacrifice for them in the

33 houses of the high places. They feared Jehovah, and served
 their own gods, after the manner of the nations from which
 34 they had been removed. Unto this day they do after the former
 manners; they fear Jehovah, and they do neither after their
 own statutes, and their own ordinances, nor after the law and
 the commandment which Jehovah commanded the children
 35 of Jacob, whom he named Israel; with whom Jehovah made
 a covenant, and charged them, saying, "Ye shall not fear
 other gods, nor bow yourselves down to them, nor serve them,
 36 nor offer sacrifice unto them; but Jehovah, who brought you
 up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an
 outstretched arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship,
 37 and to him shall ye offer sacrifice. And the statutes, and the
 ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote
 for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall
 38 not fear other gods. And the covenant which I have made
 with you ye shall not forget, neither shall ye fear other gods.
 39 But Jehovah your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you
 40 out of the hand of all your enemies." Howbeit they did not
 41 hearken, but they did after their former manner. So these
 nations feared Jehovah, and served their graven images, both
 their children, and their children's children: as did their
 fathers, so do they unto this day.

1 CHAP. XVIII.—And it came to pass in the third year
 of Hoshea the son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah
 2 the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. He was
 twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he
 reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's
 3 name was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did
 that which was right in the sight of Jehovah, according
 4 to all that David his father had done. He removed the
 high places, and brake the images, and cut down the
image of Ashera, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent
 which Moses had made: for until those days the children of
 Israel burned incense unto it; and it was called Nehushtan
 5 [BRAZEN.] He trusted in Jehovah the God of Israel; so
 that after him there was none like him among all the kings
 of Judah; neither *had there been any, among those* that were
 6 before him. For he clave to Jehovah, and departed not from
 following him, but kept his commandments, which Jehovah
 7 commanded Moses. And Jehovah was with him; and he
 prospered whithersoever he went forth; and he rebelled

against the king of Assyria, and served him not. He smote the Philistines even unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.

And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, 9 which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmanezzer king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. And at the end of three years it 10 was taken; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. And the king 11 of Assyria carried away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah, and by Habor the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah 12 their God, but transgressed his covenant in all things which Moses the servant of Jehovah had commanded: and would not hear them, nor do them.

And in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib 13 king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent 14 to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, "I have offended; return from me; that which thou layest on me I will bear." And the king of Assyria laid on Hezekiah king of Judah, *a fine of* three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. And Hezekiah gave unto him all the silver that was 15 found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time Hezekiah stripped the doors of 16 the temple of Jehovah, and the columns which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave *the gold* to the king of Assyria.

And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and 17 Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah, with a great host against Jerusalem: and they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the aqueduct of the upper reservoir, which is in the high-way of the Fuller's Field. And they called to the 18 king; and there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph, the remembrancer. And Rab- 19 shakeh said unto them, "Speak ye now to Hezekiah, 'Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? Thou sayest, (but they are 20 vain words), Counsel and strength *suffice* for war. Now on whom dost thou trust that thou rebellest against me? Now behold thou reliest upon the staff of this broken reed, 21 even upon Egypt, on which if any man lean, it will go into

his hand and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto
22 all that trust in him. But if ye say unto me, We trust in
Jehovah our God, is not that he whose high places and
whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away; and hath said to
Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in
23 Jerusalem? Now therefore I pray thee, give pledges to
my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver unto thee
two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders
24 upon them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of
one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put
25 thy trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I
now come up without Jehovah against this place to destroy
it? Jehovah hath said unto me, Go up against this land
26 and destroy it.' " Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,
and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, " Speak, we pray
thee, unto thy servants in the Aramean language, for we
understand it; and speak not with us in the Jewish language
27 in the hearing of the people that are on the wall." But
Rab-shakeh said unto them, " Hath my master sent me to
thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? Hath he
not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own
28 dung and drink their own urine with you?" Then Rab-
shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jewish lan-
guage, and spake, saying, " Hear the word of the great king,
29 the king of Assyria: Thus saith the king, ' Let not Hezekiah
deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you out of
30 my hand; neither let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah,
saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us, and this city shall
31 not be given up to the king of Assyria. Harken not to
Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria; Make *sub-*
mission to me by a present, and come forth to me; and *then*
eat ye every man of his own vine, and every man of his own
fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cis-
32 tern: until I come and take you away to a land like unto
your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and
vineyards, a land of olive-oil and of honey, that ye may live
and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah when he per-
33 suadeth you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Hath any
of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of
34 the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods
of Hamath and of Arpad? Where are the gods
of the Sepharvaites, of Hena, and of Avvah? have
35 they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? Who are

they among all the gods of those lands that have delivered their land out of mine hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?" " But the people held their 36 peace and answered him not a word; for there was a commandment from the king, saying, "Answer him not." Then 37 came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph the remembrancer, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent; and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

CHAP. XIX.—And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah 1 heard *them*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sack-cloth, and went into the house of Jehovah. And 2 he sent Eliakim who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and the elders of the priests, covered with sack-cloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. And they 3 said unto him, "Thus saith Hezekiah, 'This is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of scoffing; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may be that Jehovah thy God will hear all the words of 4 Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which Jehovah thy God hath heard; wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.' " So the servants of 5 king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, 6 "Thus shall ye say to your master; 'Thus saith Jehovah, Be not afraid because of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold I will send a blast upon him, and he 7 shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.' "

So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria 8 warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish. And he heard concerning Tirhakah 9 the king of Cush, saying, "Behold he is come forth to fight against thee:" and he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, 10 saying, 'Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold thou hast heard what the kings of 11 Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations 12 which my fathers destroyed, delivered them; as Gozan and

Haran, and Rezech, and the children of Eden who *dwelt* in
 13 Thelassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of
 Arpad, and the king of the city of the Sepharvaites, *and the*
kings of Hena and of Avvah? ”

14 And Hezekiah received the letters from the hand of the
 messengers, and read them: and Hezekiah went up into the
 15 house of Jehovah, to spread them before Jehovah. And
 Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, “O Jehovah God
 of Israel, who dwellest between the cherubs, thou art God,
 even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou
 16 hast made the heavens and the earth. O Jehovah, bow
 down thine ear, and hear; open, O Jehovah, thine eyes, and
 see; and hear the word of Sennacherib, which he hath
 17 sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth, O Jehovah,
 the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their
 18 lands, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were
 no gods, but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone;
 19 therefore they have destroyed them. Now, therefore, O Je-
 hovah our God, I beseech thee, save us out of his hand; that
 all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou, O Jeho-
 vah, art God, *even thou only.*”

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying,
 “Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel; ‘That which thou
 hast prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,
 21 I have heard. *And* this is the word which Jehovah hath
 spoken concerning him.

She hath despised thee, she hath laughed thee to
 scorn,

The virgin daughter of Zion!

At thee hath she shaken her head,

The daughter of Jerusalem!

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed,
 And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice,
 And lifted up thine eyes on high?
 Against the Holy One of Israel!

23 By thy messengers hast thou reproached the Lord,
 and hast said,—

With the multitude of my chariots am I come up,
 To the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon;
 And I will cut down its tallest cedars, its choicest cypress
 trees:

And I will enter into its remotest retreats,
Even into the thicket of its gardens.

I have digged and drunk strange waters, 24
And I have dried up with the sole of my foot
All the canals of Egypt.

Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it, 25
And of ancient times that I have planned it ?
Now I have brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be
To lay fortified cities waste, as ruinous heaps.
Therefore were their inhabitants of little strength ; 26
They were dismayed and confounded :
They were as the grass of the field and the green herb ;
As the grass on the house-tops,
Blasted even before it is grown up.

But thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming 27
in, I have known,
And thy rage against me.

Because thy rage against me 28
And thine insolence are come up into mine ears,
Therefore I will put my hook in thy nose,
And my bridle in thy lips.
And I will send thee back by the way by which thou
camest.

And this shall be the sign unto thee :— 29
Eat this year that which seeded itself,
And in the second year the wild herb ;
But in the third year sow ye and reap,
And plant vineyards, and eat the produce.
For again shall the delivered remnant of the house of 30
Judah

Strike root downward, and bear fruit upward.
For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, 31
And a delivered band out of Mount Zion,
The zeal of Jehovah shall accomplish this.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king 32
of Assyria,
He shall not come into this city,
Nor shall he shoot an arrow there ;
Neither shall he present a shield before it,
Nor cast up a mound against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return,
 For into this city he shall not come, saith Jehovah.
 34 For I will defend this city, for mine own sake,
 And for the sake of David my servant.' ”

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah
 went forth, and smote, in the camp of the Assyrians, a hun-
 dred and eighty-five thousand ; and when men awoke in the
 36 morning, behold all of these were dead corpses. And Sen-
 nacherib king of Assyria departed, and went back, and dwelt
 37 in Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in
 the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer
 his sons smote him with the sword ; and they escaped into
 the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in
 his stead.

1 CHAP. XX.—In those days, Hezekiah was sick unto
 death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came
 to him and said unto him, “ Thus saith Jehovah, ‘ Set thy
 2 house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live.’ ” And
 he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto Jehovah,
 3 saying, “ O Jehovah ! remember now, I beseech thee, how
 I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart,
 and have done that which is good in thy sight.” And
 4 Hezekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, before Isaiah
 had gone out into the middle court, that the word of
 5 Jehovah came to him, saying, “ Return and tell Hezekiah
 the captain of my people, ‘ Thus saith Jehovah, the God of
 David thy father ; I have heard thy prayer, I have seen
 thy tears ; behold, I will heal thee : on the third day thou
 6 shalt go up into the house of Jehovah. And I will add
 unto thy days fifteen years : and I will deliver thee and this
 city out of the hand of the king of Assyria ; and I will pro-
 tect this city for mine own sake, and for the sake of my ser-
 7 vant David.’ ” And Isaiah said, “ Take a cake of figs.”
 And they took it, and laid it on the ulcer ; and he recovered.
 8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, “ What shall be the sign
 that Jehovah will heal me, and that I shall go up into the
 9 house of Jehovah the third day ? ” And Isaiah said, “ This
 sign shalt thou have from Jehovah, that Jehovah will do the
 thing which he hath spoken. Shall the shadow go forward
 10 ten degrees, or go back ten degrees ? ” And Hezekiah said,
 “ It is a small thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees ;

nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees." And ¹¹ Isaiah the prophet cried unto Jehovah; and he brought the shadow backward ten degrees, by which it had gone down upon the sun-dial of Ahaz.

At that time Berodach-Baladan, the son of Baladan, king ¹² of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah was ¹³ glad of their *coming*, and shewed them all the house of his precious things; the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment; and all the house of his armour; and all that was found in his treasures; there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not shew unto them. And Isaiah the prophet came unto king Heze- ¹⁴ kiah and said unto him, "What said these men, and whence came they unto thee?" And Hezekiah said, "They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon." And he said, ¹⁵ "What have they seen in thy house?" And Hezekiah said, "All the things that are in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed unto them." And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, "Hear the ¹⁶ word of Jehovah. Behold, the days are coming that all that ¹⁷ is in thy house, and *all* that thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith Jehovah. And *some* of thy sons who ¹⁸ shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, they shall take away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, "Good is ¹⁹ the word of Jehovah, which thou hast spoken." And he said, "Is it not *good*, if peace and truth be in my days?"

And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, ²⁰ and how he made the reservoir, and the aqueduct, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his ²¹ son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.—Manasseh was twelve years old when ¹ he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. And he ² did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom Jehovah had cast out before the children of Israel. And he built again the ³ high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and

he reared up altars unto Baal, and he made an *image of* Ashera, as Ahab the king of Israel had done; and he worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, concerning which Jehovah had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my name;" yea he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Jehovah. And he made his son to pass through the fire, and used sorcery, and enchantments, and dealt with necromancers and wizards. He wrought much wickedness in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. And he set the carved image of Ashera which he had made, in the house, of which Jehovah had said unto David, and unto Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever; neither will I make the feet of Israel to move any more out of the land which I gave unto their fathers; if they will only observe and do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them." But they hearkened not; and Manasseh enticed them to do more evil than the nations had done, whom Jehovah destroyed before the children of Israel.

And Jehovah spake by his servants the prophets, saying, "Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols, therefore thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipeth a dish, wiping it out, and turning it upside down. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, from the day that their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.'" Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent blood, very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah.

And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did,

and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as his father Manasseh had done. And he walked in all the way in which his father had walked; and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them. And he forsook Jehovah the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of Jehovah. And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

And the rest of the acts of Amon that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza; and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXII.—Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. And he did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in all the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of Jehovah, saying, "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum up the silver which is brought into the house of Jehovah, which the keepers of the door have gathered from the people; and let it be delivered into the hand of the doers of the work, who have the oversight of the house of Jehovah; and let it be given to the doers of the work, which is in the house of Jehovah, to repair the dilapidations of the house; unto the carpenters, and the builders, and the masons; and to buy timber and hewn stone, to repair the house." Howbeit

there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hands, for they dealt faithfully.

8 And Hilki'ah the priest said unto Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of Jehovah." And Hilki'ah gave the book unto Shaphan, and he
9 read it. And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, "Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that
10 have the oversight of the house of Jehovah." And Shaphan the secretary shewed the king, saying, "Hilki'ah the priest hath delivered unto me a book." And Shaphan read
11 it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his
12 clothes. And the king commanded Hilki'ah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the secretary, and Asahiah a ser-
13 vant of the king's, saying, "Go, enquire of Jehovah for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of Jehovah that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according to
14 all that which is written concerning us." So Hilki'ah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe, (now she dwelt in Jerusalem, in the second district); and
15 they communed with her. And she said unto them, "Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel, 'Tell the man that sent you
16 to me, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:
17 because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be
18 kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.' But as for the king of Judah who sent you to enquire of Jehovah, thus shall ye say unto him: 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of
19 Israel; as touching the words which thou hast heard, because thy heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before Jehovah, when thou heardest what I have spoken concerning this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation, and a curse, and hast rent

thy clothes, and wept before me, I also have heard thee,' saith Jehovah. 'Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place.'” And they brought the message to the king.

CHAP. XXIII.—And the king sent and they gathered 1 unto him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the 2 king went up into the house of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant, which was found in the house of Jehovah. And the king stood upon the pedestal, and made a 3 covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. And the king commanded 4 Hilkiab the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of Jehovah, all the vessels that had been made for Baal, and for Ashera, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel. And he put down the 5 idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places, in the cities of Judah, and round about Jerusalem; and those that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the signs of the zodiac, and to all the host of heaven. And he 6 brought out the *image* of Ashera from the house of Jehovah, without Jerusalem unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it to powder, and east the powder thereof over the burying-place of the children of the people. And he pulled down the houses of the 7 Sodomites, that were by the house of Jehovah, *and those* wherein the women wove pavilions for Ashera. And he 8 brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places on which the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beër-sheba; and pulled down the high places of the gates, which were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left

9 hand, by the gate of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of Jehovah in Jerusalem; but they ate the unleavened bread in the midst
10 of their brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, that no man might thenceforth make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to
11 Molech. And he took away the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the Sun, at the entrance of the house of Jehovah, by the chamber of Nethan-Melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs; and burned the chariots of the
12 Sun with fire. And the altars which were on the roof of the two-storied house of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manassch had made in the two courts of the house of Jehovah, the king pulled down, and crushed them there; and cast the dust of them into the
13 brook Kidron. And the high places which were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built, for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, the king defiled.
14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the standing
15 pillars, and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover the altar which was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he pulled down, and burned the high place, and stamped it to powder: and he
16 burned *the image of* Ashera. And Josiah looked, and saw the sepulchres which were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of Jehovah which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed
17 these things. And he said, "What is this grave-stone which I see?" And the men of the city said unto him, "It is the sepulchre of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things which thou hast done, against the
18 altar of Bethel." And he said, "Let him alone: let no man move his bones." So they let his bones alone, with the bones
19 of the prophet who came out of Samaria. And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *Jehovah* to anger, Josiah took away, and did unto them according to all the acts which he had done at Bethel.

And he slew upon the altars, all the priests of the high 20
places that were there; and burned men's bones upon them;
and returned to Jerusalem.

And the king commanded all the people saying, "Keep 21
the passover unto Jehovah your God, as it is written in this
book of the covenant." And there was no such passover 22
holden, from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor
in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of
Judah, as in the eighteenth year of the king Josiah, *wherein* 23
this passover was holden unto Jehovah in Jerusalem.

Moreover the necromancers, and the wizards, and the 24
oracles, and the idols, and all the abominations that were
seen in the land of Judah and Jerusalem, Josiah put away;
that he might perform the words of the law which were
written in the book which Hilkiah the priest had found in
the house of Jehovah. And before him there had been no 25
king like unto him, that turned to Jehovah with all his heart,
and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all
the law of Moses; neither after him arose any like him.

Nevertheless Jehovah turned not from the fierceness of his 26
great wrath wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah,
because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had
provoked him. And Jehovah said, "I will remove Judah 27
also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel; and I will
cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the
house of which I have said, 'My name shall be there.'"

And the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, 28
are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings
of Judah?

In his days Pharaoh-Nechoh king of Egypt went up 29
against the king of Assyria, to the river Euphrates: and
king Josiah went out to meet him; and he slew him at Me-
giddo when he had seen him. And his servants carried him 30
in a chariot, dead, from Megiddo; and they brought him
to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And
the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and
anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to 31
reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and
his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah
of Iibnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of 32
Jehovah, according to all that his fathers had done. And 33

Pharaoh-Nechoh imprisoned him at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not be king in Jerusalem; and imposed a tribute on the land, a hundred talents of silver, and
 34 a talent of gold. And Pharaoh-Nechoh made Eliakim, the son of Josiah, king in the room of Josiah his father; and changed his name to Jehoiakim; and took Jehoahaz away;
 35 and he came to Egypt, and died there. And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he assessed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land, from every one according to his assessment, to give it unto Pharaoh-Nechoh.

36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of
 37 Rumah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers had done.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up; and Jehoiakim was his servant for three
 2 years; and *then* he turned and revolted from him. And Jehovah sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon; and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Jehovah which he spake by his
 3 servants the prophets. Assuredly by the command of Jehovah *this evil* came upon Judah, that he might remove *the nation* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh according
 4 to all that he did; and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which Jehovah would not pardon.

5 And the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah?

6 And Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his
 7 son reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not any more out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken possession of all that had belonged to the king of Egypt, from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates.

8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father had done. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants besieged it. And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his captains, and his chamberlains; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house; and he cut in pieces all the vessels of gold, which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of Jehovah, as Jehovah had said. And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the captains, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives; and all the craftsmen and smiths; none were left, save the poorest of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his chamberlains, and the mighty men of the land, he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead; and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. But through the anger of Jehovah against Jerusalem and Judah, even unto the casting of them away from his presence, it so came to pass. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.—And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his host, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it, round about. And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. And on the ninth day of the *fourth* month, the famine prevailed

in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the
4 land. And a breach was made in the city, and all the men of
war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two walls,
which is by the king's garden; (now the Chaldees were
against the city round about;) and *the king* went by the
5 way towards the plain. And the army of the Chaldees pur-
sued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho:
6 and all his army was scattered from him. So they took the
king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Rib-
7 lah; and they pronounced sentence upon him. And they
slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the
eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and
carried him to Babylon.

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month,
which was in the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard,
9 a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem; and he
burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house, and all
the houses of Jerusalem; and the house of every great man
10 he burned with fire. And all the army of the Chaldees,
which was with the captain of the guard, pulled down the
11 walls of Jerusalem round about. And the rest of the people
that were left in the city, and the fugitives who had deserted
to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzar-
12 adan the captain of the guard carried away. But the captain
of the guard left *some* of the poor of the land to be vine-
13 dressers and husbandmen. And the columns of brass which
were in the house of Jehovah, and the laver-stands, and the
brazen sea which was in the house of Jehovah, the Chaldees
brake in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.
14 And the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and
the spoons, and all the articles of brass wherewith they minis-
15 tered, they took away. And the censers, and the bowls, and
such things as were of gold, and such things as were of
silver, the gold and the silver the captain of the guard
16 took away. The two pillars, the one sea, and the laver-
stands which Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah;
17 the brass of all these articles was without weight. The height
of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and the capital upon it
was of brass; and the height of the capital was three cubits;
and the net-work, and the pomegranates upon the capital
round about, all were of brass. And like unto these had
the second pillar, with net-work.

And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, 18 and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door; and out of the city he took an officer who had 19 been set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the chief secretary of the host, who enrolled the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city: and Nebuzar-adan captain of the 20 guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah: and the king of Babylon smote them, and slew 21 them at Riblah, in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, 22 whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler. And when all the captains of the armies, 23 they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah swore to them and to their men; and said unto 24 them, "Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you." But it came to pass in the seventh month, 25 that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah that he died; and *he smote* the Jews and Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both 26 small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and went to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the 27 captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh *day* of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin the king of Judah out of prison: and 28 he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon: and changed 29 his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him, all the days of his life. And his allowance was a con- 30 tinual allowance, given him by the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF
THE CHRONICLES.

2 CHAP. I.—Adam, Seth, Enos; Cainan, Mahalaleel,
4 Jared; Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; Noah, Shem, Ham,
and Japheth.

5 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and
6 Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons
7 of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. And
the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Chittim, and
Dodanim.

8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Phut, and Canaan.
9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and
Raama, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba,
10 and Dedan. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a
11 mighty man upon the earth. And Mizraim begat Ludim,
12 and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim; and Pathrusim,
and Casluhim, (from whom came Philistim,) and Caph-
13 thorim. And Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth;
14 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite; and
16 the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite; and the Arvadite,
and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and
Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.
19 And Arphaxad begat Salah, and Salah begat Eber. And
unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Pe-
leg, [DIVISION:] because in his days the earth was divided:
20 and his brother's name was Joktan. And Joktan begat Al-
21 modad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah; and
22 Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah; and Ebal, and Abimacl,
23 and Sheba; and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these
were the sons of Joktan.

Shem, Arphaxad, Salah ; Eber, Peleg, Reu ; Serug, Nahor, 26
Terah, Abram ; the same is Abraham. 27

The sons of Abraham ; Isaac, and Ishmael. These are 29
their generations :—

The first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth ; then Kedar, and
Adbeel, and Mibsam ; Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, 30
and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the 31
sons of Ishmael.

And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine : she bare 32
Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak,
and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan ; Sheba, and Dedan.
And the sons of Midian ; Ephah, and Ephher, and Hanoth, 33
and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these are the sons of Keturah.

And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac ; Esau and 34
Israel.

The sons of Esau ; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, 35
and Korah. The sons of Eliphaz ; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, 36
and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. The sons of 37
Reuel ; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

And the sons of Seir ; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and 38
Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. And the sons of 39
Lotan ; Hori, and Homam : and Timna was Lotan's sister.
The sons of Shobal ; Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, 40
and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon ; Ajah, and Anah. The 41
sons of Anah ; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon ; Hamram,
and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. The sons of Ezer, 42
Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. The sons of Dishan ; Uz,
and Aran.

Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom 43
before any king reigned over the children of Israel ; Bela the
son of Beor : and the name of his city was Dinhabah. And 44
Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in
his stead. And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the 45
Temanites reigned in his stead. And Husham died, and 46
Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of
Moab, reigned in his stead : and the name of his city was
Avith. And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned 47
in his stead. And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth on 48
the river reigned in his stead. And Saul died, and Baal- 49
hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. And Baal- 50
hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his stead : and the name
of his city was Pai ; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the

daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. And Hadad died.

51 And the princes of Edom were; prince Timnah, prince
52 Aliah, prince Jetheth; prince Aholibamah, prince Elah,
53 prince Pinon; prince Kenaz, prince Teman, prince Mibzar;
54 prince Magdiel, prince Iram. These were the princes of
Edom.

1 CHAP. II.—These are the sons of Israel; Reuben,
2 Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun; Dan,
Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *these*
three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the
Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was wicked
4 in the sight of Jehovah; and he slew him. And Tamar
his daughter-in-law bare unto him Pharez and Zerah. All
the sons of Judah were five.

5 The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman,
7 and Chalcol, and Darda: five of them in all. And the sons
of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed
8 in the devoted thing. And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 And the sons of Hezron, who were born unto him;
10 Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. And Ram begat
Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of
11 the children of Judah; and Nahshon begat Salma, and
12 Salma begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat
13 Jesse, and Jesse begat his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab
14 the second, and Shimma the third, Nethaneel the fourth,
15 Raddai the fifth, Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. And
their sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of
16 Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. And Abigail
bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the
Ishmaelite.

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *a daughter* of Azubah
his wife, even Jerioth: and these are her sons; Jeshur, and
19 Shobab, and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead, Caleb
20 took unto him Ephrath, and she bare unto him Hur. And
Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel.

21 And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir
the father of Gilead, and he married her when he was three-
22 score years old; and she bare unto him Segub. And Segub
begat Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of

Gilead. But the Geshurites and the Syrians took from 23 them the towns of Jair, with Kenath and the towns thereof, even threescore cities. All these had belonged to the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. And after that Hezron was 24 dead in Caleb-eprathah, then Abiah the wife of Hezron bare unto him Ashur the father of Tekoa.

And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were, 25 Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, and Ahijah. And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was 26 Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were 27 Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

And the sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. And 28 the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. And the name 29 of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bare unto him Ahban, and Molid. And the sons of Nadab; Seled and 30 Appaim: but Seled died without children. And the sons 31 of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Ahlai. And the sons of Jada the 32 brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children. And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, 33 and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel. Now 34 Sheshan had no sons; he had daughters only. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife: 35 and she bare unto him Attai. And Attai begat Nathan, 36 and Nathan begat Zabad; and Zabad begat Ephlal, and 37 Ephlal begat Obed; and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat 38 Azariah; and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah; 39 and Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum; 40 and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Eli- 41 shama.

And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were, 42 Mesha his first-born, who was the father of Zipli, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. And the sons of 43 Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and 44 Rekem begat Shammai. And the son of Shammai was 45 Maon: and Maon was the father of Beth-zur. And Ephah, 46 Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez. And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, 47 and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. And Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and 48

49 Tirhanah. She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibeab: and the daughter of Caleb was Achsa.

50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim, 51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; 52 Haroeh, and half the men of Menuhoth. And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites (of them came the Zareath- 53 ites); and the Eshtaulites. The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahtites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of the scribes who dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

1 CHAP. III.—And these were the sons of David, who were born unto him in Hebron; the first-born, Ammon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the 2 Carmelitess: the third, Absalom, the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah 3 the son of Haggith: the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the 4 sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. *These* six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years. 5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the 6 daughter of Ammiel: Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet; and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia; and Elishama, 7 and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. These were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their sister.

10 And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa his 11 son, Jehoshaphat his son, Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, 12 Joash his son, Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his 13 son, Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, 14 Amon his son, Josiah his son. And the sons of Josiah were, the first-born Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third 15 Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. And the sons of Jehoiakim; 16 Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. And the sons of 17 Jeconiah the captive; Salathiel his son, and Malchiram, and

Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. And the sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and 19 the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister: also Hashubah, and Ohel, and 20 Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five. And the sons 21 of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Isaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah. And the sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and 22 the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. And the sons of Neariah; Eli- 23 oenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three. And the sons of 24 Elioenai were, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, and Ananai, seven.

CHAP. IV.—The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and 1 Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. And Reaiah the son of 2 Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. And these were of 3 the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash and the name of their sister was Hazeleponi: and Penue, 4 the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Beth-lehem.

And Ashur the father of Tckoa had two wives, Helah 5 and Naarah. And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hephher, 6 and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, 7 and Ethnan. And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the 8 families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: though 9 his mother had called his name Jabez, [Sorrowing]; saying, "Because I bare him with sorrow." And Jabez called on 10 the God of Israel, saying,

"Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast,

And that thy hand might be with me,

And that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!"

And God granted him that which he asked.

And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir; he was 11 the father of Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and 12 Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These are the men of Reehah.

- 13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath.
- 14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab, the father of *the men of* the Craftsmen's Valley: for they were craftsmen.
- 15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, Kenaz.
- 16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.
- 17 And the sons of Ezra were Jether, and Mered, and Ephher, and Jalon: . . . and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and
- 18 Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. And his wife the Jewess bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered
- 19 took to wife, and the sons of the wife of Hodiah the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite,
- 20 and Eshtemoa the Maachathite, And the sons of Shimon were Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.
- 21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of
- 22 Ashbea, and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-
- 23 lehem. And *these* are ancient things. These were the potters, and *men* that dwelt in Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt near the king for his work.
- 24 The sons of Simeon were, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib,
- 25 Zerah, and Shaul: Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mish-
- 26 ma his son. And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son,
- 27 Zacchur his son, Shimei his son. And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the
- 28 children of Judah. And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Mola-
- 29 dah, and Hazar-shual, and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at
- 31 Tolad, and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities unto the reign of
- 32 David. And their villages were, Etam, and Ain, Rimmon,
- 33 and Tochen, and Ashan; five cities, and all their villages

that were round about those cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and *this* their genealogy.

And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Am- 34
 ziah, and Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Se- 35
 raiah, the son of Asiel, and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and 36
 Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, ,
 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Je- 37
 daiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; these men- 38
 tioned by name were princes in their families: and the house
 of their fathers increased greatly. And they went to the en- 39
 trance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek
 pasture for their flocks. And they found rich pasture and 40
 good, and a land wide, and quiet, and secure; for *certain of*
the race of Ham had dwelt there of old. And these written 41
above by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah,
 and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found
 there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt
 in their stead: because there was pasture there for their
 flocks. And some of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five 42
 hundred men, went to mount Seir; having for their captains
 Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of
 Ishi. And they smote the remnant of the Amalekites that 43
 were escaped; and have dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.—Now the sons of Reuben the first-born of 1
 Israel, (for he was the first-born; but, forasmuch as he defiled
 his father's bed, his birth-right was given unto the sons of
 Joseph the son of Israel: yet they are not to be registered
 according to the birth-right: for Judah prevailed above his 2
 brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birth-
 right was Joseph's:) the sons, *I say*, of Reuben the first- 3
 born of Israel were, Hanoeh, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his 4
 son, Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son, Beerah his 6
 son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away cap-
 tive: he was prince of the Reubenites. And his brethren 7
 by their families, when the genealogy of their generations
 was reckoned, were Jeiel, the chief, and Zechariah, and Bela 8
 the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who
 dwelt in Aroer, *even* unto Nebo and Baal-meon: and eastward 9
 he inhabited unto the beginning of the wilderness *which ex-*
tends from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were
 multiplied in the land of Gilead. And in the days of Saul 10

they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand ; and they dwelt in their tents, throughout all the *land* eastward of Gilead.

11 And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the
12 land of Bashan unto Salcah : Joel the chief, and Shapham
13 the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. And their
brethren of the house of their fathers were, Michael, and
Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and
14 Heber, seven. These are the children of Abihail the son
of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of
Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of
15 Buz ; Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was the chief
16 of the house of their fathers. And they dwelt in Gilead,
in Bashan, and in its towns, and in all the pasture-lands of
17 Sharon, upon their borders. All these were enrolled in the
registers in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the
days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half of the
tribe of Manasseh, valiant men, men able to bear buckler
and sword, and to shoot with bow, and trained to war, were
forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty, that went out
19 to war. And they made war with the Hagarites, with
20 Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. And they were helped
against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their
hand, and all that were with them : for they cried to God in
the battle, and he was intreated of them, because they put
21 their trust in him. And they took away their cattle ; of
their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and
fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a
22 hundred thousand. For there fell down many slain, because
the war was of God. And they dwelt in their stead until
the captivity.

23 And the children of the half of the tribe of Manasseh
dwelt in the land : they increased from Bashan unto Baal-
24 hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon. And these
were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ephraim,
and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hoda-
viah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, heads
25 of the house of their fathers. And they transgressed against
the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods
of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them

And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of 26 Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

CHAP. VI.—The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and 1 Merari. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and He- 2 bron, and Uzziel. And the children of Amram; Aaron, and 3 Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phi- 4 nehas begat Abishua; and Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki 5 begat Uzzi; and Uzzi begat Zerariah, and Zerariah begat 6 Meraioth; Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat 8 Ahitub; and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz; 9 and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan; and 10 Johanan begat Azariah; (he it is who executed the priest's office in the temple which Solomon built in Jerusalem;) and 11 Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub; and 12 Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum; and Shallum 13 begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah; and Azariah begat 14 Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak; and Jehozadak went 15 *into captivity*, when Jehovah carried away Judah and Jerusalem into captivity, by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

The sons of Levi; Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. And 17 these are the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni and Shimei. And the sons of Kohath were, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, 18 and Uzziel. The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. 19

And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers. Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zim- 20 mah his son, Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai 21 his son. The sons of Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah 22 his son, Assir his son, Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, 23 and Assir his son, Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziel his 24 son, and Shaul his son. And the sons of Elkanah; Amasai, 25 and Ahimoth. *As for Elkanah; the sons of Elkanah; Zophai* 26 *his son, and Nahath his son, Eliab his son, Jeroham his son,* 27 *Elkanah his son, Samuel his son.* And the sons of Samuel; 28 *Joel the first-born, and the second, Abijah.*

The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, 29 Uzza his son, Shimca his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. 30

And these are they whom David set over the service of song

32 in the house of Jehovah, after that the ark had rest. And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem: and they waited on their office according to their order.

33 And these are they that waited, with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the *chief* singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel; the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah; the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai; the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah; the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah; the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shimea; the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah, the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah; the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei; the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.

44 And their brethren the sons of Merari stood on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch; the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiyah; the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer; the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 Their brethren also the Levites were appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God. 49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of burnt-offering, and upon the altar of incense; *and were appointed* for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son; Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerabiah his son; Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son; Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

54 And these are their dwelling places throughout their strongholds in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for the *first* lot fell to them. And they gave unto them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the pasture-lands thereof around it. But the field of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. And to

the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron, and Libnah with its pasture-lands, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its pasture-lands; and Hilen with its pasture-lands, 58 Debir with its pasture-lands; and Ashan with its pasture-lands, 59 Beth-shemesh with its pasture-lands. And out of the tribe of 60 Benjamin, Geba with its pasture-lands, and Alemeth with its pasture-lands, and Anathoth with its pasture-lands. All their cities were thirteen cities, among their families. And 61 unto the rest of the children of Kohath, out of the families of the tribe of *Ephraim*, and out of the tribe of *Dan*, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities were given by lot.

And the children of Gershom throughout their families 62 had, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

Unto the children of Merari were given by lot, throughout 63 their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities 64 with their pasture-lands. And they gave by lot out of the 65 tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are mentioned by name. And 66 some of the families of the children of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they gave 67 unto them the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with its pasture-lands, and Gezer with its pasture-lands; and Jokmeam with its pasture-lands, and Beth-horon with 68 its pasture-lands; and Aijalon with its pasture-lands, and 69 Gath-rimmon with its pasture-lands: and out of the half 70 tribe of Manasseh, Aner with its pasture-lands, and Bilcam with its pasture-lands, for the families of the remnant of the children of Kohath. Unto the children of Gershom were 71 given out of the families of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its pasture-lands, and Ashtaroath with its pasture-lands: and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh 72 with its pasture-lands, Daberath with its pasture-lands; and 73 Ramoth with its pasture-lands, and Anem with its pasture-lands: and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its pasture- 74 lands, and Abdon with its pasture-lands; and Hukok with its 75 pasture-lands, and Rehob with its pasture-lands: and out of 76 the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture-lands, and Hammon with its pasture-lands, and Kirjathaim with its

77 pasture-lands. Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were*
given out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with its pasture-
 78 lands, Tabor with its pasture-lands: and on the other side
 Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, *were given them*
 out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its
 79 pasture-lands, and Jahzah with its pasture-lands; Kedemoth
 80 also with its pasture-lands, and Mephaath with its pasture-
 lands: and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with
 81 its pasture-lands, and Mahanaim with its pasture-lands; and
 Heshbon with its pasture-lands, and Jazer with its pasture-
 lands.

1 CHAP. VII.—Now the sons of Issachar were Tola, and
 2 Puah, Jashub, and Shinrom, four. And the sons of Tola;
 Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and
 Shemuel were heads of the house of their fathers, *the sons*
 of Tola, valiant men of might in their generations; whose
 number was in the days of David twenty-two thousand and
 3 six hundred. And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah, (and the sons
 of Izrahiah,) Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, *and* Ishiah, five:
 4 all of them chief men. And with them throughout their
 generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of
 soldiers for war, thirty-six thousand men: for they had many
 5 wives and sons. And their brethren among all the families
 of Issachar were valiant men of might, fourscore and seven
 thousand, in all, recorded in the registers.

6 The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediel,
 7 threc. And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel,
 and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their*
 fathers, mighty men of valour; and there were recorded of
 them in the registers twenty-two thousand and thirty-
 8 four. And the sons of Becher: Zemira, and Joash,
 and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and
 Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these are the sons
 9 of Becher. And the number of them, after their registers,
 by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers,
 mighty men of valour, was twenty thousand and two hun-
 10 dred. And the sons of Jediel; Bilhan: and the sons of
 Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah,
 11 and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar, all these. And
 the children of Jediel, by the heads of their fathers, mighty
 men of valour, were seventeen thousand and two hundred,

fit to go out with the host for war. Shuppin also, and 12 Huppin, the children of Ir ; and Hushim, the children of Aher.

The sons of Naphtali ; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and 13 Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

The sons of Manasseh ; Asriel, whom *his wife* bare : (but 14 his Syrian concubine bare Machir the father of Gilead : and 15 Machir took to wife the sister of Huppin and Shuppin, whose name was Maachah ;) and the name of *his wife's* second son was Zelophehad ; and Zelophehad had daughters *only*. And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called 16 his name Peresh ; and the name of his brother was Sheresh ; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. And the sons of 17 Ulam ; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. And his sister Hammoleketh 18 bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah. And the sons of 19 Shemidah were, Abian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

And the sons of Ephraim ; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, 20 and Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and 21 Elead, whom the men of Gath who were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. And he went in to his wife, 23 and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, [IN EVIL], because it went evil with his house. (And his 24 daughter was Sherah, who built the lower and the upper Beth-horon, and Uzzen-sherah.) And Rephah was his son, and 25 Resheph ; and Telah was his son, and Tahan his son ; Laadan 26 his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son ; Nou his son, 27 Joshua his son. And their possessions and habitations were, 28 Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof ; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof : and 29 by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

The sons of Asher ; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and 30

31 Beriah : and Serah was their sister. And the sons of Beriah ;
 32 Heber, and Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith. And
 Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua
 33 their sister. And the sons of Japhlet ; Pasach, and Bim-
 hal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.
 34 And the sons of Shomer ; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and
 35 Aram. And the sons of his brother Helem ; Zophah, and
 36 Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. The sons of Zophah ; Suah,
 37 and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah ; Bezer, and
 Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.
 38 And the sons of Jether ; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.
 40 And the sons of Ulla ; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia. All
 these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's
 house, choice and mighty men of valour, chiefs among the
 princes. And their number, enrolled in the register of them
 that were fit to serve in the host for war, was twenty-six thou-
 sand men.

1 CHAP. VIII.—Now Benjamin begat Bela his first-born,
 2 Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth,
 3 and Rapha the fifth. And the sons of Bela were, Addar,
 4 and Gera, and Abihud. And Abishua, and Naaman, and
 6 Ahoah ; and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram ; and these
 are the sons of Ehud : these are the heads of the fathers of the
 inhabitants of Geba ; but they were removed to Manahath :
 7 even Naaman, and Ahoah, and Gera, he removed them, and
 8 begat Uzza, and Ahihud. And afterwards he begat *children*
 in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away, of
 9 Hushim and Baara his wives. And he begat of Hodesh his
 10 wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham ; and Jeuz,
 and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads of the
 11 fathers. And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.
 12 The sons of Elpaal ; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed,
 13 (who built Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof :) Beriah
 also, and Shema, who were heads of the fathers of the
 inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of
 15 Gath. And Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth ; and Zebadiah,
 16 and Arad, and Ader ; and Michael, and Ispah, and Joha, the
 17 sons of Beriah ; and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki,
 18 and Heber ; and Ishmerai, and Jezliah, and Jobab, were the
 20 sons of Elpaal ; and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi ; and
 21 Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel ; and Adaiah, and Beraiah,
 22 and Shimrath, the sons of Shimei ; and Ishpan, and Heber,
 24 and Eliel ; and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan ; and Hanna-

niah, and Elam, and Antothijah; and Iphedeiah, and Penuel, 25
the sons of Shashak; and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and 26
Athaliah; and Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of 27
Jeroham. These were heads of the fathers, by their gene- 28
rations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; and his wife's 29
name was Maachah: and his first-born son Abdon, and Zur, 30
and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab; and Gedor, and Ahio, and 31
Zacher. And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also 32
dwelt with their brethren, over against their brethren in
Jerusalem.

And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul be- 33
gat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-
baal. And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib- 34
baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah were Pithon, and 35
Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; 36
and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri;
and Zimri begat Moza. And Moza begat Binea; Rapha was 37
his son, Eleasar his son, Azel his son. And Azel had six 38
sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ish-
mael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these
were the sons of Azel. And the sons of Eshek his brother 39
were, Ulam his first-born, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet
the third. And the sons of Ulam were exceeding skilful in 40
shooting with the bow; and they had many sons and sons'
sons, a hundred and fifty. All these are of the children
of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.—So all Israel were enrolled in registers; 1
and, behold, they were written in the Book of the Kings of
Israel; and *the men of* Judah were carried away to Babylon
for their transgression.

Now the first Israelites that dwelt in their possessions in 2
their cities were the priests, the Levites, and the servants of
the sanctuary.

And in Jerusalem dwelt *men of* the children of Judah, 3
and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of
Ephraim, and Manassch; Uthai the son of Ammihud, the 4
son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the chil-
dren of Pharez the son of Judah. And of the Shilonites; 5
Asaiah the first-born, and his sons. And of the children of 6
Zerah, Jeuel; and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.
And of the children of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshul- 7
lam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hascnuah; and Ibneiah 8

the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of
 9 Reuel, the son of Ibrijah; and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were chief among the fathers in the house of their fathers.

10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin; and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the
 11 ruler of the house of God; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malehijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the
 12 son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer; and their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and sixty; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the children of
 15 Merari; and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; and
 16 Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. And the
 17 porters were Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren; Shallum was the chief: and hitherto
 18 these the porters in the companies of the children of Levi waited in the king's gate, eastward. And Shallum the son
 19 of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle; and their fathers, in the camp of Jehovah, had been
 20 keepers of the portal. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past; Jehovah *was* with him.
 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. All those who were
 22 chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These, whom David and Samuel the seer ordained in their
 23 charge were enrolled in the registers, according to their villages. So they and their children had the oversight of
 24 the gates of the house of Jehovah, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards. In four quarters were the porters,
 25 toward the east, the west, the north, and the south. And their brethren, *who* were in their villages, were to come after
 26 seven days, from time to time, with them. For these Levites,

the four chief porters, were in charge, and they were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. And they 27 lodged round about the house of God, because the custody was upon them, and the opening of it every morning *pertained* to them. And *certain* of them had the charge of the 28 ministering vessels, that by tale they should bring them in and by tale should bring them out. *Some* of them also 29 were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. And *some* of the sons 30 of the priests made the ointment of the spices. And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had the charge over the things that were made in the pans. And *other* of their brethren, of the sons 32 of the Kohathites, were over the shew-bread, to prepare it every sabbath. And these singers, the chief of the fathers of 33 the Levites, *remained* in the chambers free: for they were employed in that work day and night. These chief fathers 34 of the Levites were chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose 35 wife's name was Maachah: and his first-born son was Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab; and 37 Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. And Mikloth 38 begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren. And Ner begat Kish; 39 and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malehishua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal. And the son of Jonathan 40 was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. And 41 the sons of Micah were Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz. And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Ale- 42 meth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; and 43 Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Elcasah his son, Azel his son. And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, 44 Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

CHAP. X.—Now the Philistines made war against Israel; 1 and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain in Mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed 2 hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malehishua, the sons of Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit 3

- 4 him, and he was wounded of the slingers. Then said Saul to his armour-bearer, "Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me." But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore
5 afraid. So Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell like-
6 wise on the sword, and died. So Saul died and his three
7 sons, and all his house died together. And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that *the host* had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons
9 fallen in mount Gilboa. And they stripped him, and they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry the tidings unto
10 their idols, and to the people. And they put his armour in the temples of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple
11 of Dagon. And all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philis-
12 tines had done to Saul; and they arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the terebinth tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.
13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against Jehovah, *even* against the word of Jehovah, which he kept not; and also for seeking to enquire of a necromancer.
14 And he enquired not of Jehovah; therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

- 1 CHAP. XI.—Then all Israel gathered themselves together to David unto Hebron, saying, "Behold, we are thy
2 bone and thy flesh. And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, it was thou who didst lead out and bring in Israel; and Jehovah thy God said unto thee, 'Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my
3 people Israel.'" Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of Jehovah by Samuel.
4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus; and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.
5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "Thou shalt not come hither." Nevertheless David took the strong-hold

of Zion, which is the city of David. And David said, "Who- 6
soever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief. And 7
David dwelt in the strong-hold; therefore they called it the city of David. And he built the city round about, even 8
from the embankment round about: and Joab rebuilt the rest of the city. So David grew greater and greater: for 9
Jehovah of hosts was with him.

These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David 10
had, who adhered closely to him in his kingdom, *and joined* with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. And this is the catalogue of the 11
mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, the son of Hachmoni, the chief of the warriors: he brandished his spear over three hundred, slain at one time. And after him was 12
Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men. He was with David at Pas-dammim; and 13
there the Philistines were gathered together for battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. And they set themselves in the 14
midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and Jehovah saved *them* by a great deliverance.

Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock 15
to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines lay encamped in the valley of Rephaim. And 16
David was then in the strong-hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Beth-lehem. And David longed, and 17
said, "O that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that is at the gate!" And the three 18
brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; but David would not drink of it, but poured it out unto Jehovah, and said, "My 19
God forbid that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was the chief of the 20
second three: for he brandished his spear over three hundred slain; and he had a name among the three. Of the three, 21
he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain; yet he attained not to the *first* three. Benaiah the 22
son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel,

who had done mighty deeds ; he slew two lion-like champions of Moab : yea, he went down and slew a lion in a pit-fall on
 23 a snowy day. And he slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high ; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam ; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew
 24 him with his own spear. These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighty men.
 25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three : and David set him over his audience-chamber.

26 Also the valiant men of the armies were, Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem ;
 28 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite ; Ira the son of
 29 Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abi-ezer the Antothite ; Sibbecai the
 30 Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,
 31 Heled the son of Baahnah the Netophathite ; Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, which belonged to the children of Benjamin,
 32 Benaiah the Pirathonite ; Hurai of the brooks of Gaash,
 33 Abiel the Arbathite ; Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the
 34 Shaalbonite ; the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the
 35 son of Shage the Hararite ; Ahiam the son of Sacar the
 36 Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur ; Hephher the Mecherathite,
 37 Ahijah the Pelonite ; Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of
 38 Ezbai ; Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Haggeri ;
 39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour-bearer of Joab the son of Zerniah ; Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the
 42 Ithrite ; Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai ; Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, the captain of the Reubenites,
 43 and thirty with him ; Hanan the son of Maachah, and Josaphat the Mitlmite ; Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel
 45 the sons of Hothan the Aroerite ; Jediahel the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite ; Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the
 47 Moabite ; Eliel, and Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

1 CHAP. XII.—Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish : and they were among the mighty men, helpers
 2 of the war. *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.
 3 The chief was Ahiczer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah

the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite, and Ismaiah the 4 Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josabad the Gederathite; Eluzai, and Jeremoth, and Bealiah, and She- 5 mariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite; Elkanah, and Jesiah, 6 and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites; and 7 Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David 8 into the strong-hold to the wilderness, men of might, warriors for the battle, that could handle shield and spear; their faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the antelopes upon the mountains; Ezer the first, Obadiah the 9 second, Eliab the third; Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah 10 the fifth; Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh; Johanan the 12 eighth, Elzabad the ninth; Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai 13 the eleventh. These were of the sons of Gad, captains of 14 the host; one of the least was over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. These are they that went over 15 Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all *its* banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, toward the east, and toward the west.

And there came *certain* of the children of Benjamin and 16 Judah to the strong-hold unto David. And David went out 17 to meet them, and answered and said unto them, "If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you: but if to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke it." Then the spirit came upon Amasai, who 18 was chief of the warriors, *and he said*,

"Thine are we, O David,
And on thy side, thou son of Jesse:
Peace, peace be unto thee,
And peace be to thy helpers,
For thy God hath helped thee."

Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

And of Manasseh *some* revolted to David, when he came 19 with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but he helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, "He will revolt to his master Saul to the *jeopardy* of our heads." As he went to Ziklag, there 20 revolted to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Je-

diael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai,
21 captains of the thousands of Manasseh. And they helped
David against the bands of plunderers: for they were all
22 mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host. For
day by day there came men to David to help him, until it
was a great host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready
armed for the war, which came to David to Hebron, to turn
the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Je-
24 hovah. The children of Judah that bare shield and spear,
six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed for the war.

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the
26 war, seven thousand and one hundred. Of the children of
27 Levi, four thousand and six hundred. And Jehoiada the
leader of the Aaronites, and with him three thousand and
28 seven hundred; and Zadok, a young man mighty of valour;
29 and of his father's house, twenty and two captains. And of
the children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thou-
sand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept their
30 allegiance to the house of Saul. And of the children of
Ephraim, twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of
31 valour, men of renown in the house of their fathers. And
of the half tribe of Manasseh, eighteen thousand, who were
32 called forth by name, to come and make David king. And
of the children of Issachar, *all* that had understanding of
the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the chiefs of
them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their
33 commandment. Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle,
expert in war, with all manner of weapons of war, fifty thou-
sand, who could keep rank: they were not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali, a thousand captains, and with them, with
35 shield and spear, thirty-seven thousand. And of the Danites
36 expert in war, twenty-eight thousand and six hundred. And
of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty
37 thousand. And of *those who dwell* on the other side of Jor-
dan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe
of Manasseh, with all manner of weapons of war for the
38 battle, a hundred and twenty thousand. All these warriors
who could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron,
to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of
39 Israel were of one heart to make David king. And they
were there with David three days, eating and drinking: for
40 their brethren had prepared for them. Moreover they that

were nigh unto them, even unto Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Israel.

CHAP. XIII.—And David consulted with the captains of 1 thousands and hundreds, *even* with every leader. And David 2 said unto all the congregation of Israel, “If it seem good unto you, and that it be of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and along with them to the priests and Levites who are in the cities of their territories, that they may gather themselves unto us: and let us bring again the ark 3 of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.” And all the congregation said that they would do 4 so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. So 5 David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor *the river* of Egypt even unto Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, 6 that is, to Kirjath-jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of the Lord Jehovah who dwelleth *between* the cherubim, by whose name it is called. And they carried 7 the ark of God in a new waggon, out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the waggon. And David and 8 all Israel danced before God with all their might, and with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

And they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon; and 9 Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzza, and he 10 smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and he died there before God. And David was grieved, because Jehovah 11 had broken forth upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza, [THE BREACH ON UZZA,] to this day. And David 12 was afraid of God that day, saying, “How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?” So David brought not the ark 13 *home* to himself to the city of David; but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of 14 God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIV.—Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house. And David perceived that Jehovah had confirmed him as king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. And these are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon; and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet; and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia; and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them. And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. And David enquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand?" And Jehovah said unto him, "Go up; for I will deliver them into thy hand." So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, "God hath broken forth upon mine enemies by my hand, like the breaking forth of waters:" therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim: [THE PLACE OF BREAKING FORTH.] And they left their gods there; and David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley. Therefore David enquired again of God; and God said unto him, "Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the balsams. And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of marching upon the tops of the balsams, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines." David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer. And the fame of David went out into all lands; and Jehovah brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.—And *David* made unto himself houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. Then David said, "None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath Jehovah chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever." And David gathered all Israel together to

Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah unto its place,
 which he had prepared for it. And David assembled the 4
 children of Aaron, and the Levites: of the sons of Kohath, 5
 Uriel the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twenty: of 6
 the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two
 hundred and twenty: of the sons of Gershon, Joel the 7
 chief, and his brethren a hundred and thirty: of the sons 8
 of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two
 hundred: of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his 9
 brethren eighty: of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the 10
 chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve. And David 11
 called for Zadoc and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites,
 for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Ammi-
 nadab: and said unto them, "Ye are the chief of the fa- 12
 thers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your
 brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of Jehovah the God
 of Israel unto *the place which* I have prepared for it. For be- 13
 cause ye did it not at the first, Jehovah our God brake
 forth upon us, because we sought him not after the due
 order." So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves, 14
 to bring up the ark of Jehovah the God of Israel. And the 15
 children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoul-
 ders, with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded, according
 to the word of Jehovah. And David spake to the chief of 16
 the Levites, to appoint their brethren to be the singers, with
 instruments of musick, psalteries and harps, and cymbals,
 causing the hills to re-echo to the voice with joy. So the Le- 17
 vites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren,
 Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their
 brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; and with them their 18
 brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel,
 and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah,
 and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelch, and Mikneiah,
 and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters. So the singers, 19
 Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with
 cymbals of brass; and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemira- 20
 moth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and
 Benaiah, with lutes, after the manner of damsels; and 21
 Mattithiah, and Eliphelch, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom,
 and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps, as leaders on the octave
below. And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song; he 22
 gave instruction in song, because he was skilful. And Bere- 23
 chiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. And She- 24

baniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were door-keepers for the ark.

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the house of Obed-edom, with joy. And it came to pass, that when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: 28 David also had upon him an ephod of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah with shouting, and with sound of the clarion, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, resounding with lutes and harps.

29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of Jehovah came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing: and she despised him in her heart.

1 CHAP. XVI.—So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent which David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-sacrifices and peace-offerings before God. 2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah. And he distributed to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a flagon of wine, and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of Jehovah, and to celebrate and thank and praise Jehovah the God of Israel: Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel *praised Jehovah* with lutes and harps; and Asaph sounded the cymbals; Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests *sounded* trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day David first delivered *this psalm* of thanksgiving to Jehovah, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren:—

8 “Give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name,
Make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, 9
 Recount ye all his wondrous works.
 Glory ye in his holy name : 10
 Let the heart of them that seek Jehovah rejoice.

“ Seek Jehovah and his strength, 11
 Seek his face continually.
 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, 12
 His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.

“ O ye seed of Israel his servant, 13
 Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones,
 He is Jehovah our God ; 14
 His judgments are in all the earth.
 He hath always been mindful of his covenant, 15
 The word which he commanded for a thousand genera-
 tions ;
The covenant which he made with Abraham, 16
 And his oath unto Isaac ;
 And which he hath confirmed to Jacob for a law, 17
 To Israel for an everlasting covenant ;
 Saying, ‘ Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
 The lot of your inheritance ;’ 18
 When ye were but small in number, 19
 Even a few, and strangers in it.

“ And when they went from nation to nation, 20
 And from one kingdom to another people,
 He suffered no man to do them wrong : 21
 Yea, he reprovèd kings for their sakes,
 Saying, ‘ Touch not mine anointed,
 And do my prophets no harm.’ 22

“ Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth ; 23
 Shew forth from day to day his salvation.
 Declare his glory among the heathen, 24
 His marvellous works among all nations.
 For Jehovah is great, and greatly to be praised, 25
 And he is to be feared above all gods ;
 For all the gods of the nations are idols, 26
 But Jehovah made the heavens.
 Glory and honour are in his presence ; 27
 Strength and gladness are in his dwelling-place.

28 "Give unto Jehovah, ye families of nations,
Give unto Jehovah glory and strength.
29 Give unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name,
Bring an offering, and come before him;
Worship Jehovah in festive attire.
30 Tremble before him, all the earth :
The world also shall stand fast, it shall not be moved.

31 "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
And let men say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth!
32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof:
Let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.
33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing aloud
At the presence of Jehovah; because he cometh,
He cometh to judge the earth.

34 "O give thanks unto Jehovah, for he is good,
For his mercy endureth for ever;
35 And say ye, 'Save us, O God of our salvation,
And gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen,
That we may give thanks to thy holy name,
And glory in thy praise.'

36 "Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel for ever and
ever!"

And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised Jehovah. So
37 he left there before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah Asaph
and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as
38 every day's work required: and *the sons of* Obed-edom with
their brethren, sixty-eight men; Obed-edom also the son of
39 Jeduthun, and Hosah to be porters: and Zadok the priest, and
his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of Jehovah in
40 the high place that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt-offerings
unto Jehovah upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually,
morning and evening, and *to do* according to all that is written
41 in the law of Jehovah, which he commanded Israel; and with
them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen,
who were appointed by name, to give thanks unto Jehovah,
42 because his mercy endureth for ever; and with them Heman
and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals to make a sound,
and with the musical instruments of God. And the sons of

Jeduthun were porters. And all the people departed every 43 man to his house : and David returned to bless his house.

CHAP. XVII.—Now it came to pass, as David sat in his 1 house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, “Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of Jehovah remaineth under curtains.” Then Nathan said unto David, 2 “Do all that is in thy heart ; for God is with thee.”

But it came to pass the same night, that the word of God 3 came to Nathan, saying, “Go and tell David my servant, Thus 4 saith Jehovah, ‘Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in : for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought 5 up Israel out of Egypt unto this day ; but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle to *another*. Whereso- 6 ever I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedars? Now therefore, thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, 7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I took thee from the sheep-cote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel : and I have been with thee whitherso- 8 ever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth. Also I will ordain a place 9 for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more ; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, and since the time that I commanded 10 judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that Jehovah will build thee a house. And it shall come to pass, when thy 11 days shall be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, one who shall be of thy sons ; and I will establish his kingdom. He 12 shall build me a house, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son : and I 13 will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee : but I will settle him in my 14 house and in my kingdom for ever : and his throne shall be established for evermore.’” According to all these 15 words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

1 And David the king came and sat before Jehovan, and said,
 "Who am I, O Lord Jehovah, and what is my house, that
 17 thou hast brought me hitherto? And yet this was a small thing
 in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy ser-
 vant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me
 according to the manner of a man of high degree, O Lord
 18 Jehovah. What can David speak more to thee for the ho-
 19 nour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. O Je-
 hovah, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own
 heart, thou hast done all this greatness, in making known all
 20 these great things. O Jehovah, there is none like thee,
 neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we
 21 have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth
 is like thy people Israel, whom God went forth to redeem to
 be his own people, to make unto thee a name of greatness
 and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy
 22 people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? for thy
 people Israel thou didst make thine own people for ever; and
 23 thou, Jehovah, didst become their God. Therefore now, Jeho-
 vah, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy ser-
 vant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do
 24 as thou hast said. Let it even be established, that thy name
 may be magnified for ever, saying, 'Jehovah of hosts is the
 God of Israel, even a God to Israel:' and let the house of
 25 David thy servant be established before thee. For thou, O
 my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him a
 house: therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray
 26 before thee. And now, Jehovah, thou art God, and hast pro-
 27 mised this goodness unto thy servant: now therefore let it
 please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be
 before thee for ever: for thou hast blessed, O Jehovah, and it
 shall be blessed for ever."

1 CHAP. XVIII.—Now after this it came to pass, that
 David smote the Philistines, and subdued them; and he took
 2 Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. And
 he smote Moab; and the Moabites became David's servants,
 3 paying tribute. And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah,
 at Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the
 4 river Euphrates. And David took from him a thousand
 chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand
 footmen: David also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but
 5 reserved of them a hundred chariots. And the Syrians of

Damascus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah; and David slew of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men. Then David 6 put *garrisons* in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, paying tribute. Thus Jehovah preserved David whithersoever he went. And David took the 7 shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. Likewise from Tibhath, and 8 from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, David brought very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the columns, and the vessels of brass.

Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had 9 smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, he sent 10 Hadoram his son to king David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and *with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. Then also king David dedicated unto Jehovah, with 11 the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites, 12 in the valley of salt, eighteen thousand. And he put garrisons 13 in Edom; and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus Jehovah preserved David whithersoever he went.

So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment 14 and justice among all his people. And Joab the son of 15 Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, was remembrancer: and Zadok the son of Ahitub, 16 and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Shavsha the secretary; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was 17 over the lictors and the harbingers; and the sons of David were chief ministers.

CHAP. XIX.—Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash 1 the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. And David said, "I will shew kindness unto 2 Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me." And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him. But 3 the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, "Think-est thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? Are not his servants come unto

thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?"

4 Then Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst close by their haunches, and
5 sent them away. Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were treated. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, "Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return."

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves hateful to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah,
7 and out of Zobah. So they hired thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came
8 to battle. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all
9 the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and set themselves in battle array before the gate of the city: and the kings who were come were by themselves
10 in the field. And when Joab saw that the front of the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the chosen men of Israel, and put *them* in array against the
11 Syrians. And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set themselves in array
12 against the children of Ammon. And he said, "If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will
13 help thee. Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and
14 let Jehovah do that which is good in his sight." So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle: and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

15 And when the Syrians saw that they were routed before Israel, they sent messengers, and brought the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the
16 host of Hadarezer went before them. And it was told unto David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the host* in array against them. And when David had put the battle in array against the
17 Syrians, they fought with him. But the Syrians fled before

Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand charioteers, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. And when the servants of Haderzer saw that they were routed before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.—And it came to pass, after the year was 1 expired, at the time that kings go out *to battle*, that Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it. And David took the crown of their king from 2 off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold; and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. And he brought out the people that were in it, and 3 cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gazer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, one of the children of Rapha: and they were subdued. And there was war again with the Philis- 5 tines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear-shaft was like a weaver's beam. And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a 6 man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was descended from Rapha. But when he defied Israel, Jo- 7 nathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. These 8 were descended from Rapha in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXI.—And Satan stood up against Israel, and 1 stirred up David to number Israel. And David said to Joab 2 and to the rulers of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it." And Joab answered, "Jehovah 3 make his people a hundred times as many more as they are: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?" Nevertheless the king's word 4

prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went
5 throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. And Joab
gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And
all *the men of* Israel were a million and a hundred thousand
men that drew sword, and *of* Judah, four hundred and
6 seventy thousand men that drew sword. But Levi and
Benjamin he counted not among them : for the king's word
7 was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with this
8 thing ; therefore he smote Israel. And David said unto
God, " I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing :
but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy ser-
9 vant ; for I have done very foolishly." And Jehovah spake
unto Gad, David's seer, saying, " Go and tell David, saying,
10 ' Thus saith Jehovah, I offer thee three things : choose thee
11 one of them, that I may do it unto thee.' " So Gad came to
David, and said unto him, " Thus saith Jehovah, ' Choose
12 thee either three years' famine ; or three months to be de-
stroyed before thy foes, while the sword of thine enemies over-
taketh thee ; or else three days *with* the sword of Jehovah,
even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of Jehovah
destroying throughout all the borders of Israel.' Now there-
fore consider what answer I shall bring to him that sent
13 me." And David said unto Gad, " I am in a great strait :
let me fall now into the hand of Jehovah ; for his mercies are
14 very great : but let me not fall into the hand of man." So Je-
hovah sent pestilence upon Israel : and there fell of Israel
15 seventy thousand men. And God sent an angel unto Jeru-
salem to destroy it : and as he was destroying, Jehovah beheld,
and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying
angel, " It is enough ; stay now thy hand." And the angel
of Jehovah stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jehovah
standing between earth and heaven, having a drawn sword in
his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and
the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon
17 their faces. And David said unto God, " Is it not I who
commanded the people to be numbered ? Yea it is I who have
sinned and done this great evil ; but as for these sheep, what
have they done ? Let thy hand, I pray thee, O Jehovah
my God, be on me, and on my father's house ; but not on
18 thy people, that they should be smitten." Then the angel
of Jehovah commanded Gad to say to David, that David
should go up, and set up an altar unto Jehovah in the thresh-

ing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the 19 saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of Jehovah. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four 20 sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and 21 saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. Then David 22 said to Ornan, "Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto Jehovah: thou shalt grant it unto me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people." And Ornan said unto David, "Take 23 it unto thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: behold I give the oxen *also* for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal-offering; I give it all." And king David said to 24 Ornan, "Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for Jehovah, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost." So David gave to Ornan, for the place, 25 six hundred shekels of gold by weight. And David built 26 there an altar unto Jehovah, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon Jehovah; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering. And Jehovah commanded the angel; and he put up his 27 sword again into its sheath.

At that time when David saw that Jehovah had answered 28 him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the tabernacle of Jehovah which Moses 29 had made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, were at that season in the high place at Gibeon. But 30 David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid, because of the sword of the angel of Jehovah.

CHAP. XXII.—Then David said, "This is the house of 1 Jehovah *our* God, and this is the altar of the burnt-offering for Israel." And David commanded to gather together the 2, strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set stone-cutters to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared iron in abundance, for the nails for the 3 doors of the gates, and for the bolts; and brass in abundance, without weight; also cedar trees without number: for the 4 Zidonians and the Tyrians brought cedars in abundance to David. And David said, "Solomon my son is young and 5 tender, and the house that is to be built for Jehovah must be

exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all lands: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it." So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to
7 build a house for Jehovah the God of Israel. And David
said unto Solomon, "My son, as for me, it was in my heart
8 to build a house unto the name of Jehovah my God: but
the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 'Thou hast shed
blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not
build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much
9 blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be
born unto thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give
him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name
shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto
10 Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name;
and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will
establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.'
11 Now, my son, Jehovah be with thee; and be thou prosperous,
and build the house of Jehovah thy God, as he hath said of
12 thee. Only Jehovah give thee wisdom and understanding,
and direct thee *how to rule* over Israel, that thou mayest keep
13 the law of Jehovah thy God. Then shalt thou prosper, if
thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments with
which Jehovah charged Moses concerning Israel: be strong,
14 and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. Now,
behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of
Jehovah a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million
of talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight;
for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared;
15 and thou wilt add thereunto. Moreover there are workmen
with thee in abundance, hewers and carvers of stone and tim-
ber, and all manner of skilful men for every manner of work.
16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is
no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and Jehovah be
with thee."

17 And David commanded all the princes of Israel to help
18 Solomon his son, *saying*, "Is not Jehovah your God with you?
and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath
given the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the
19 land is subdued before Jehovah, and before his people. Now
set your heart and your soul to seek Jehovah your God;
arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of Jehovah *our*

God, to bring the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built unto the name of Jehovah."

CHAP. XXIII.—And when David was old and full of 1 days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, and the 2 priests and the Levites. Now the Levites were numbered, 3 from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. Of 4 these, twenty-four thousand were to superintend the work of the house of Jehovah; and six thousand were officers and judges: and four thousand were porters; and four thousand 5 praised Jehovah "with the instruments which I have made," *said David*, "to praise therewith."

And David divided them into courses among the sons of 6 Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Of the Gershonites were, Laadan, and Shimei. The sons 8 of Laadan; the chief was Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three. The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziël, and 9 Haran, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Laadan. And the sons of Shimei were, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, 10 and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. And 11 Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house.

The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, 12 four. The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses. And Aaron 13 was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever. And 14 *as for* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses were Gershom and 15 Eliezer. Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. 16 And the sons of Eliezer were, Rehabiah the chief. And 17 Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. Of 19 the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. Of the sons 20 of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of 21 Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. And Eleazar died, and had no 22

sons, but daughters : and their brethren the sons of Kish took
 23 them. The sons of Mushi ; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth,
 three.

24 These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fa-
 thers ; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted
 by number of names, by their polls ; who did the work for
 the service of the house of Jehovah, from the age of twenty
 25 years and upward. For David said, "Jehovah the God of
 Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell
 26 in Jerusalem for ever : and also unto the Levites ; they shall
 no more carry the tabernacle, nor any of its implements, for
 27 the service thereof." For, by the last words of David, the
 Levites were numbered from twenty years old and upward :
 28 because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the
 service of the house of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the
 chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the
 29 work of the service of the house of God ; both for the shew-
 bread, and for the fine flour for meal-offering, and for the
 unleavened cakes, and for *that which is baked in the pan*, and
 for that which is fried, and for *cakes of all manner of mea-*
 30 *sure and size* ; and to stand every morning to thank and
 31 praise Jehovah, and likewise at even ; and to offer all burnt-
 sacrifices unto Jehovah, on the sabbaths, at the new moons,
 and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order
 32 commanded unto them, continually before Jehovah : and that
 they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the con-
 gregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge
 of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the
 house of Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Now these are the divisions of the sons
 of Aaron. The sons of Aaron ; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar,
 2 and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father,
 and had no children : therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed
 3 the priest's office. And David distributed them, both Zadok
 of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Itha-
 4 mar, according to their offices in their service. And there
 were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of
 the sons of Ithamar ; and thus were they divided. Among the
 sons of Eleazar there were sixteen chief men of the house of
their fathers ; and among the sons of Ithamar eight, according
 5 to the house of their fathers. Thus were they divided by lot,
 one sort with another ; for the chief ministers of the sanc-

tuary, and chief ministers of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. And Shemaiah the son of 6 Nethaneel the scribe, one of the Levites, enrolled them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar.

And the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to 7 Jedaiah; the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim; the fifth 9 to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin; the seventh to Hakkoz, 10 the eighth to Abijah; the ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to She- 11 caniah; the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim; the 13 thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab; the fif- 14 teenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer; the seventeenth to 15 Hezir, the eighteenth to Apses; the nineteenth to Pethahiah, 16 the twentieth to Jehczekel; the twenty-first to Jachin, the 17 twenty-second to Gamul; the twenty-third to Delaiah, the 18 twenty-fourth to Maaziah. This was the arrangement of 19 them in their service that they should come into the house of Jehovah, according to their order, *ordained* by Aaron their father, as Jehovah the God of Israel had commanded him.

And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: of the 20 sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jeh- 21 deiah. Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, 21 the first was Isshiah. Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of 22 the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. And the sons of *Hebron*; 23 Jeriah *the first*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, 24 Jekameam the fourth. The sons of Uzziel; Michah: of 24 the sons of Michah; Shamir. The brother of Michah was 25 Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. The sons of 26 Merari were Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and 27 Zaccur, and Ibri. Of Mahli came Eleazar, who had no sons. 28 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish was Jerahmeel. The 29 sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after the house of their 31 fathers. These likewise cast lots even as did their brethren the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, the principal fathers even as their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.—Moreover David and the captains of the 1

host separated to the service *certain* of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with lutes, and with cymbals: and the number of
2 those who ministered according to their service was: of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, who
3 prophesied according to the order of the king. Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Isaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, giving thanks
4 and praising Jehovah. Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbek-
5 ashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth: all these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, *who were*
6 to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of Jehovah, with cymbals, lutes, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to
7 the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. And the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of Jehovah, even all that were skilful, was two
8 hundred and eighty-eight. And they cast lots for the offices, the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the
9 scholar. Now the first lot came forth for Asaph, to Joseph:
10 the second to Gedaliah; he with his brethren and his sons were twelve: the third to Zaccur; *he*, his sons, and his brethren
11 were twelve: the fourth to Izri; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the fifth to Nethaniah; *he*, his sons, and his
12 brethren, were twelve: the sixth to Bukkiah; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the seventh to Jesharelah;
13 *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the eighth to Isaiah; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the ninth
14 to Mattaniah; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the tenth to Shimei; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:
15 the eleventh to Azazel; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the twelfth to Hashabiah; *he*, his sons, and
16 his brethren, were twelve: the thirteenth to Shubael; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the fourteenth to
17 Mattithiah; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the fifteenth to Jerimoth; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were
18 twelve: the sixteenth to Hananiah; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the seventeenth to Joshbekashah; *he*,

his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the eighteenth to 25 Hanani; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the 26 nineteenth to Mallothi; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were 27 twelve: the twentieth to Eliathah; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the twenty-first to Hothir; *he*, his 28 sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the twenty-second to 29 Giddalti; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the 30 twenty-third to Mahazioth; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, 31 were twelve: the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer; *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.—Concerning the divisions of the porters: 1 Of the Korahites was Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. And the sons of Meshelemiah were, Zecha- 2 riah the firstborn, Jediel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, 3 Elioenai the seventh. Moreover the sons of Obed-edom 4 were, Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth, Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the 5 eighth: for God had blessed him. Also unto Shemaiah his 6 son were sons born, who ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were very able men. The sons of She- 7 maiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were able men, Elihu, and Semachiah. All 8 these were of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, strong and able men for the service; the *sons* of Obed-edom were sixty-two. And Meshelemiah 9 had sons and brethren, able men, eighteen. Also Hosah, 10 of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (for though he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the chief;) Hilki- 11 ah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zecha- 12 riah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. Among these were the divisions of the porters, 12 even among the chief men, *having* offices even *as* their brethren, to minister in the house of Jehovah.

And they cast lots, the small as well as the great, accord- 13 ing to the house of their fathers, for every gate. And the 14 lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. To Obed-edom, southward; and to his sons, 15 the house of the store-rooms. To Shuppim and Hosah *the* 16 *lot came forth* westward, with the gate of the passage to the

7 upper causeway. *Thus was ward against ward.* Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward the store-rooms two and two. At the suburb toward the west, four at the causeway, *and* two at the suburb. These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of the Korahites, and among the sons of the Merarites.

20 And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. The sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, even of Laadan the Gershonite, were Jehieli. The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *who were* over the treasures of the house of Jehovah.

23 As for the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: . . . And Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was chief officer over the treasures. And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Isaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of Jehovah. And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated, *and* whosoever had dedicated *anything*, *it was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, able men, a thousand and seven hundred, were in charge over Israel on this side the Jordan westward, in all the business of Jehovah, and in the service of the king. Of the Hebronites, Jerijah was the chief among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them very able men, at Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, able men, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers; and king David made them rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for all the affairs pertaining to God, and the affairs of the king.

CHAP. XXVII.—And *these were* the children of Israel 1 after their number, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who served the king in any matter of the courses which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year. Every course *consisted* of twenty-four thousand. Over the 2 first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. *He* 3 *was* of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. And over the course of the second 4 month was Dodai an Ahohite: and of his course was Mikloth also the *next* ruler: in his course likewise were twenty-four thousand. The third captain of the host for the third 5 month was Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. This is that Benaiah 6 who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course was Ammizabad his son. The 7 fourth *captain* for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The fifth captain for the fifth 8 month was Shambhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The sixth captain for the sixth 9 month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The seventh *captain* for the 10 seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The eighth *captain* for the eighth month was Sibbecai the 11 Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The ninth *captain* for the ninth month was 12 Abiezer the Antothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The tenth *captain* for the 13 tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The eleventh 14 *captain* for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty-four thousand. The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month 15 was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty-four thousand.

And *these were* over the tribes of Israel. The prince of 16 the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maachah: of the Levites, 17 Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: of 18 Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar,

19 Omri the son of Michael : of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of
 20 Obadiah : of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel : of the
 children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah : of the
 21 half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah : of the
 half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zecha-
 22 riah : of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner : of Dan,
 Azareel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of
 the tribes of Israel.

23 But David took not the numbers of them from twenty
 years old and under : because Jehovah had said he would
 24 increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. Joab the
 son of Zeruiah had begun to number, but he finished not,
 because there came wrath for it upon Israel ; neither was
 the number put into the computation in the Annals of King
 David.

25 And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of
 Adiel : and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities,
 and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the
 26 son of Uzziah : and over them that did the work of the field
 27 for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub : and
 over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite : and over the
 28 wine stores in the vineyards was Zabdi the Shiphmite : and
 over the olive trees and the sycomore trees in the plains was
 Baal-hanan the Gederite : and over the stores of oil was
 29 Joash : and over the oxen that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the
 Sharonite : and over the oxen in the valleys was Shaphat the
 31 son of Adlai : and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite :
 and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite : and over
 the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the
 stewards over the property belonging to king David.

32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise
 man ; and he was the secretary ; and Jehiel the son of
 33 Hachmoni was with the king's sons : and Ahithophel was
 the king's counsellor : and Hushai the Archite was the
 34 king's companion : and after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the
 son of Benaiah, and Abiathar : and the captain of the king's
 host was Joab.

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—And David assembled all the captains
 of Israel, the captains of the tribes, and the captains of the
 companies that ministered to the king by course, and the
 captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds,
 and the stewards over all the property and possession of the

king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem. And 2 David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, "Hear me, my brethren, and my people: as for me, I had in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and for the footstool of our God; and I had made preparation for the building: but God said unto me, 'Thou 3 shalt not build a house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.' Howbeit Jehovah 4 the God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father, to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the chief; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he hath preferred me, to make me king over all Israel: and of 5 all my sons, (for Jehovah hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen my son Solomon to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of Jehovah over Israel. And he said unto me, 'Solo- 6 mon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he will continue 7 to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.' Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel the congregation of 8 Jehovah, and in the audience of our God *I charge you*, keep and seek after all the commandments of Jehovah your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever. And thou, 9 Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for Jehovah searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him he will be found by thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. Take heed now; for Jehovah hath chosen thee to 10 build a house for the sanctuary: persevere, and do it."

And David gave unto Solomon his son the plan of the 11 porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the store-rooms thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner rooms thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, and the 12 plan of all that he had in his own mind, concerning the courts of the house of Jehovah, and all the chambers round about, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries of the dedicated things: and the courses of the priests and 13 the Levites, and all the work of the service of the house of Jehovah, and all the implements for the service of the house

14 of Jehovah. *He gave* of gold by weight, *for things* of gold,
 for all instruments of all manner of service; *and* for all
 15 implements of silver *he gave silver* by weight, for all im-
 plements of every kind of service: even the weight for the
 lamp-stands, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every
 lamp-stand, and for the lamps thereof: and for the lamp-
 stands of silver by weight, for the lamp-stand, and for the
 lamps thereof, according to the use of every lamp-stand.
 16 And *he gave* gold by weight for the tables of shewbread,
 17 for every table: and silver for the tables of silver: also
 pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls, and the cups:
 and for the golden basons *he gave gold* by weight for every
 bason; and for the basons of silver, by weight for every
 18 bason: and for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight;
 and gold for the image of the chariot, *namely* the cherubs,
 which spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the
 19 covenant of Jehovah. "All this," *said David*, "hath been
 explained to me in writing by the hand of Jehovah, even
 20 all the works of this plan." And David said to Solomon
 his son, "Persevere and be of good courage, and do it:
 fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord Jehovah, my
 God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake
 thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of
 21 the house of Jehovah. And, behold, *thou hast* the courses
 of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house
 of God: and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of
 workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of
 service: and the captains and all the people will be wholly at
 thy commandment."

1 CHAP. XXIX.—And David the king said unto all the
 congregation, "Solomon my son, whom God hath chosen, is
 young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is
 2 not for man, but for the Lord Jehovah. And I have pre-
 pared with all my might for the house of my God, the gold
 for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the
 brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and
 wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set,
 ornamental stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of
 3 precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. And,
and because I have set my affection on the house of my God,
and because I have wealth of my own, I have given gold and
 silver to the house of my God, over and above all that I

have prepared for the holy house; even three thousand 4 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: for all manner of golden things, and for all manner 5 of silver things, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to give freely this day unto Jehovah?"

And the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of 6 Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the directors of the king's work, offered willingly, and gave 7 for the service of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and of iron one hundred thousand talents. And they with whom 8 *precious* stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of Jehovah, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, 9 because with perfect heart they offered willingly to Jehovah: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. Where- 10 fore David blessed Jehovah before all the congregation: and David said, "Blessed be thou, O Jehovah God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Jehovah, is the great- 11 ness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O Jehovah, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of 12 thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thy hand is power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, O our God, we 13 thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, 14 and what is my people, that we should be able to offer willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before 15 thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Jeho- 16 vah our God, all this store that we have prepared to build unto thee a house for thy holy name, cometh of thy hand, and is all thine own. I know also, O my God, that thou 17 triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, who are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Jeho- 18 vah God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers,

keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the
19 heart of thy people, and prepare their heart for thyself: and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision."

20 And David said to all the congregation, "Now bless Jehovah your God." And all the congregation blessed Jehovah the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and
21 worshipped Jehovah, and the king. And they sacrificed sacrifices unto Jehovah, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all
22 Israel: and did eat and drink before Jehovah on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto Jehovah
23 to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest. Then Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah as king instead of David
24 his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. And all the captains, and the mighty men, and also all the sons of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.
25 And Jehovah magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been *bestowed* on any king before him in Israel.

27 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned
28 in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age, full of days, of riches and of honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the Acts of Samuel the Seer, and in the Acts of Nathan the Prophet, and in the Acts of Gad the
30 Seer, with all his reign, and his might, and the events which befel him and Israel, and all the kingdoms of the countries.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

CHAP. I.—And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and Jehovah his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

And Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of 2 thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. And Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place which was at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of Jehovah had made in the wilderness. (But David had brought up the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.) Moreover the brazen altar, which Bezaleel the son of Uri, the 5 son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of Jehovah: and Solomon and the congregation resorted unto it. And Solomon went up thither to the brazen altar before 6 Jehovah, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it. In that night God 7 appeared unto Solomon, and said unto him, “Ask what I shall give unto thee.” And Solomon said unto God, “Thou hast 8 shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, O Lord Jehovah, let thy promise 9 unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people *which is* like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give unto me now wisdom and knowledge, that I 10 may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this great people of thine?” And God said unto 11 Solomon, “Because this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither hast asked long life, but hast asked for thyself wisdom and knowledge, that thou mayest judge my people,

12 over whom I have made thee king ; wisdom and knowledge are granted unto thee : and I will give unto thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings that have been before thee have had, neither shall there any after thee have
 13 the like.” Then Solomon came from the high place which was at Gibeon, to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the
 14 congregation ; and reigned over Israel. And Solomon gathered together chariots and steeds : and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand steeds ; and they
 15 were stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem. And the king made silver and gold to be at Jerusalem like stones, and cedar trees he made to be like the syc-
 16 mores that are in the plain for abundance. And Solomon’s horses were brought out of Egypt, and a caravan of the king’s
 17 purchasers received the droves for a settled price. And they fetched up, and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty ; and at the same rate they brought with them *horses and chariots* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria.

1 CHAP. II.—And Solomon determined to build a house
 2 for the name of Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. And Solomon enrolled seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand
 3 and six hundred to oversee them. And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, “ As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send unto him cedars to build him
 4 a house to dwell in, *even so deal with me*. Behold, I build a house to the name of Jehovah my God, to dedicate it to him, *and* to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shew-bread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of Jehovah our God. This is *an ordinance* for ever to
 5 Israel. And the house which I build is great : for great is
 6 our God above all gods. But who is able to build him a house, seeing the heaven, yea the heaven of heavens cannot contain him ? who am I then, that I should build him a house, though it be only to burn sacrifice before him ?
 7 Send me now therefore, a man skilful to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and who understandeth to execute carvings, along with the skilful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. Send unto me also

cedar timber, eypress timber, and sandal wood, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants are skilful in cutting timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, even to prepare for me timber in abundance: 9 for the house which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the 10 hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand cors of threshed wheat, and twenty thousand cors of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil."

Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which 11 he sent to Solomon, "Because Jehovah hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them." Hiram said 12 moreover, "Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel, who made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, who might build a house for Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. And now I have sent a skilful man, endued with understand- 13 ing, *a servant* of Hiram my father's, the son of a woman 14 who was of the daughters of Dan, but whose father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to carve all sorts of carving, and to plan all manner of plans which shall be proposed to him, with thy skilful men, and with the skilful men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore the wheat, and 15 the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: and we will cut wood out 16 of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in rafts by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem."

And Solomon numbered all the strangers who were in the 17 land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found *to be* a hundred and fifty-three thousand and six hundred. And he set seventy thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, 18 and eighty thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people to work.

CHAP. III.—And Solomon began to build the house of 1 Jehovah at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *Jehovah* had appeared unto David his father, in the place which David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build on the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 And these are the *dimensions of* the foundation which Solomon laid for the building of the house of God. The length, by cubits after the ancient measure, was sixty cubits, 4 and the breadth twenty cubits. And the porch that was in the front of *the house*, was in length corresponding to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and in height a hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 And the larger house he overlaid with cypress timber; and overlaid it with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and 6 chains. And he covered the house with exceedingly beautiful stone: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. And he overlaid the house, its beams, its sills, and walls, and doors, with gold; and he carved cherubs on the walls.

8 And he made the chamber of the holy of the holies; its length was corresponding to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits: and he overlaid it 9 with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents. And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the ascending *steps* with gold.

10 And he made in the chamber of the holy of the holies two 11 cherubs of image work, and overlaid them with gold. And the wings of the cherubs were twenty cubits long: one wing of *the first cherub* was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits, reaching to the wing 12 of the other cherub. And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubs spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward. And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen; and he wrought cherubs upon it.

15 And he made in front of the house two columns of thirty-five cubits high, and the capital which was on the top of each of 16 them was five cubits. And he made chains, as in the sanctuary, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. 17 And he reared the columns in front of the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, [HE WILL ESTABLISH:] and the name of that on the left Boaz, [ENERGY.]

CHAP. IV.—And he made an altar of brass : its length ¹ was twenty cubits, and its breadth was ten cubits, and its height was ten cubits.

And he made the molten sea, ten cubits from brim to ² brim, round all about, and it was five cubits in height ; and a line of thirty cubits encompassed it about. And under it ³ was the similitude of oxen, which encompassed it round about : ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about : there were two rows of oxen, cast when it was cast. It ⁴ stood upon twelve oxen, three facing toward the north, and three facing toward the west, and three facing toward the south, and three facing toward the east : and the sea was set upon them, above ; and all their hinder parts were inward. And it was a handbreadth in thickness ; and its brim was ⁵ like the workmanship of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies. It received and held three thousand baths.

And he made ten lavers, and set five on the right hand, ⁶ and five on the left, to wash in them : such things as pertained to the burnt-offering they washed in them ; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

And he made ten lamp-stands of gold according to their ⁷ pattern, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. And he made ten tables, and placed ⁸ them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

And he made the court of the priests, and the great court, ⁹ and gates for the court, and overlaid the gates of them with brass. And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, ¹⁰ toward the south.

And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the ¹¹ basons.

And Hiram finished the making of the work which he made for king Solomon for the house of God ; the two ¹² columns, and the bowls, and the capitals on the top of the two columns, and the two net-works to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the columns ; and ¹³ the four hundred pomegranates of the two net-works ; two rows of pomegranates, on each net-work to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the columns. And ¹⁴ he made the laver-stands, and he made the lavers on the stands ; the one sea, and the twelve oxen underneath it ; ¹⁵ and the pots, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all ¹⁶ their appurtenances, Hiram made for king Solomon for the

17 house of Jehovah, of polished brass. The king cast them, in the plain of Jordan, in the thick clay between Succoth and Zeredathah. And Solomon made all these implements in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be ascertained.

19 And Solomon made all the *golden* implements that were in the house of God; even the altar of gold, and the tables on which was the shew-bread; and the lamp-stands with their lamps, of pure gold, that they should duly burn before the sanctuary; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, *and* that perfect gold; and the snuffers, and the basons, and the snuff-dishes, and the censers, of pure gold: and the inner doors of the entry from the house to the holy of the holies, and the doors of the house of the temple, were of gold.

1 CHAP. V.—And all the work that Solomon made for the house of Jehovah was finished: and Solomon brought the things which David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the furniture, he put into the treasuries of the house of God.

2 Then Solomon gathered together the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah from the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel gathered themselves together unto the king at the Feast of *Tabernacles* which was in the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of congregation, and all the implements of the holy place, which were in the tabernacle; the priests and the Levites brought them up. And king Solomon, and all the assembly of Israel who were convened unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the sanctuary of the house, into the holy of the holies, beneath the wings of the cherubs: for the cherubs spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubs covered the ark and its poles above. And they drew out the poles, and the tops of the poles were seen *projecting* from the ark, in front of the sanctuary; but they were not seen from the outside of *the temple*. And it is there

unto this day. There was nothing in the ark but the two tables 10 which Moses put *there* in Horeb, when Jehovah made a *covenant* with the children of Israel, when they had come forth out of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests came 11 forth from the holy place, (for all the priests that could be found were sanctified, *and* there was no regard to courses *on that day*: also the Levites who were the singers, all of 12 them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, arrayed in fine linen, having cymbals and lutes and harps; and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) it came even to pass, when the trumpeters and 13 singers together made one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Jehovah; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and when they praised Jehovah, saying,

“For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever!”

that the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of Jehovah; and the priests could not stand to minister by 14 reason of the cloud: for the glory of Jehovah had filled God’s house.

CHAP. VI.—Then Solomon said:—“Jehovah hath said 1 that he would dwell in the thick darkness. Yet have I built 2 a house for thy habitation, and a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.”

And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole 3 assembly of Israel: (and all the assembly of Israel were standing.) And he said, “Blessed be Jehovah the God of 4 Israel, who spake with his mouth to my father David, as with his hand he hath fulfilled, saying, ‘From the day that 5 I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build *in it* a house, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: but I have chosen Jerusa- 6 lem, that my name might be there; and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.’ And it was in the 7 heart of David my father to build a house unto the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. But Jehovah said unto David 8 my father, ‘Forasmuch as it was in thy heart to build a house unto my name, thou hast done well that it was in thy heart: nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy 9

son who shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the
10 house for my name.' And Jehovah hath performed his word
which he spake: for I have risen up in the room of David
my father, and I sit upon the throne of Israel, as Jehovah
spake; and I have built this house unto the name of
11 Jehovah the God of Israel. And I have set there the ark,
in which is the covenant of Jehovah, which he made with
the children of Israel."

12 And he stood up before the altar of Jehovah in the
presence of the whole assembly of Israel, and he spread
13 forth his hands: (for Solomon had made a brazen platform
and had placed it in the midst of the court: it was five
cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high;
and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees
before all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands
14 toward heaven:) and he said, "O Jehovah God of Israel,
there is no God like thee in heaven, nor on earth; who
keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants, who walk
15 before thee with all their heart: who hast kept with thy
servant David my father, that which thou didst promise unto
him; yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and with thy hand
16 thou hast fulfilled, as *it is* this day. And now, O Jehovah
God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father, that
which thou didst promise unto him, saying, 'There shall not
fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; if
only thy children will take heed to their way, walking in my
17 law, as thou hast walked before me:—'yea now, O Jehovah
God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou didst
speak unto thy servant David.

18 "But will God indeed dwell with men upon the earth?
Behold, the heaven, yea the heaven of heavens, cannot contain
19 thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet
turn thou unto the prayer of thy servant, and unto his sup-
plication, O Jehovah my God, and hearken unto the cry and
20 the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: that
thine eyes may be open towards this house day and night,
toward the place of which thou hast said that thou wouldest
put thy name there; that thou mayest hearken unto the
prayer which thy servant shall pray towards this place.
21 And hearken unto the supplications of thy servant, and of
thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place:
yea, hear thou from thy dwelling place, *even* from heaven;
and when thou hearest, forgive.

“If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath 22 be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; then hear thou from heaven, 23 and do, and judge thy servants, requiting the wicked, *and* bringing *the evil of* his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, *and* giving unto him according to his righteousness.

“And if thy people Israel be smitten down before the 24 enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall turn and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; then hear thou from the heavens, 25 and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

“When the heavens shall be shut up, and there shall be 26 no rain, because they have sinned against thee; and they shall pray toward this place, and confess thy name, turn *again* from their sin, when thou hast afflicted them; then hear thou in 27 heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, in which they ought to go; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

“When there shall be famine in the land, when there shall 28 be pestilence, when there shall be blight, or mildew, locust, or caterpillar, when their enemies in the land shall besiege their gates, *when there shall be* any plague, *when there shall be* any sickness,—whatsoever prayer, whatsoever supplication 29 shall be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, who shall know, each one his own plague and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands towards this house: then hear 30 thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men :) that they may fear thee, walking in thy ways, all 31 the days of their life, in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

“And also concerning the stranger, who is not of thy 32 people Israel, but cometh from a far country, for thy great name’s sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house; then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling 33 place, and do according to all that the stranger shall implore of thee; that all the nations of the earth may know thy

name, and that they may fear thee, as doth thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

34 "When thy people shall go out to war against their enemies whithersoever thou shalt send them, and they shall pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the
35 house which I have built unto thy name; then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 "When they shall sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou shalt be angry with them, and shalt deliver them to their enemies, and they shall carry
37 them away captives unto a land far or near; if they lay it to heart in the land whither they have been carried away captive, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have
38 done perversely, we have committed iniquity,' and shall return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their own land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built unto thy
39 name: then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people that wherein they have sinned against thee.

40 "Now, O my God, I beseech thee, let thine eyes be opened, and let thine ears be attentive unto the prayer *that is made*
41 in this place. Now therefore arise, O Lord Jehovah, unto thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests, O Lord Jehovah, be clothed with salvation, and
42 let thy saints rejoice in goodness. O Lord Jehovah, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant."

1 CHAP. VII.—And when Solomon had made an end of praying, fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah
2 filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah had filled Jeho-
3 vah's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon

the pavement, and worshipped, and praised Jehovah, *saying,*

“For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever!”

Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before 4
Jehovah. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty- 5
two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand
sheep. Thus the king and all the people dedicated the
house of God. And the priests stood *waiting* on their 6
offices: the Levites also with the instruments of the musick
of Jehovah, which king David had made to praise Jehovah,
because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised *God*
by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before
them, and all Israel stood. Moreover Solomon consecrated 7
the middle of the court which was before the house of Je-
hovah: for he offered there the burnt-offerings, and the fat
of the peace-offerings; because the brazen altar which Solo-
mon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings,
and the meal-offering, and the fat.

And at that time Solomon kept the Feast of *Tabernacles* 8
seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assemblage,
from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.
And on the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for 9
they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the
feast seven days. And on the twenty-third day of the 10
seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, joy-
ful and glad of heart, for the goodness that Jehovah had
showed unto David, and unto Solomon, and unto Israel his
people. Thus Solomon finished the house of Jehovah, and 11
the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to
make in the house of Jehovah, and in his own house, he suc-
cessfully effected.

And Jehovah appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto 12
him, “I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place
to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven 13
that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour
the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my 14
people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways;
then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal
their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears at- 15
tentive unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. For now 16
have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may
be there for ever: and mine eyes and my heart shall be

17 there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and observe my statutes and
 18 my judgments, then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, 'There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Is-
 19 rael.' But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall
 20 go and serve other gods, and worship them, then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given unto them ; and this house, which I have sanctified unto my name, I will cast out from before my face, and make it to be
 21 a bye-word and a scoff among all nations. And this house, which is so high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it ; so that he shall say, 'Why hath Jehovah done
 22 thus unto this land, and unto this house ?' And it shall be answered, 'Because they forsook Jehovah the God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and clave unto other gods, and worshipped them, and served them : therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.'"

1 CHAP. VIII.—And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the house of Jehovah, and
 2 his own house, that Solomon rebuilt the cities which Hiram had given to Solomon ; and he caused the children of Israel to
 3 dwell there. And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and
 4 all the magazine-cities, which he built in Hamath. Also he built the upper Beth-horon, and the lower Beth-horon, forti-
 5 fied cities, with walls, gates, and bars ; and Baalath, and all the magazine-cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for
 6 the chariots, and the cities for the steeds, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 *As for* all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the
 8 Jebusites, (who were not of Israel, *but* the children of them who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not,) upon them Solomon imposed a tribute
 9 of bond-service, as it is until this day. But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make servants for his work ; but they were warriors, and chief of his captains, and captains
 10 of his chariots and horsemen. And these were the chief of

king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, who directed the people.

And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of ¹¹ the city of David, unto the house which he had built for her : for he said, " My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *those places are holy*, whereunto the ark of Jehovah hath come."

Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto Jehovah on the ¹² altar of Jehovah, which he had built before the porch ; even ¹³ after the appointed rate every day ; offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts three times in the year, even in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And he appointed, accord- ¹⁴ ing to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests for their service, and of the Levites for their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required : the porters also by their courses at every gate : for so had David the man of God commanded. And they ¹⁵ departed not from the commandment of the king *given* unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. Now all the work of Solomon was prepared ¹⁶ against the day of laying the foundation of the house of Jehovah, and against the time when he finished the house of Jehovah completely.

Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, at the ¹⁷ sea-side in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent unto him ¹⁸ by means of his servants, ships, and servants acquainted with the sea ; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

CHAP. IX.—And when the queen of Sheba heard of the ¹ fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels bearing spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones : and she came to Solomon, and spake with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told unto her all her questions : and ² there was nothing hidden from Solomon that he told not unto her. And when the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of ³ Solomon, and the house which he had built, and the provi- ⁴ sion for his table, and the assemblage of his servants, and the array of his attendants, and their apparel ; and his cup-

bearers, and their apparel, and his ascent by which he went up into the house of Jehovah, she was amazed beyond measure. And she said unto the king, "It was a true report which I heard in mine own land concerning thine acts, and concerning thy wisdom: and I believed not their words, until I came; but mine eyes have seen: and, behold, the half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard. Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, who stand before thee continually, and hear thy wisdom. Blessed be Jehovah thy God, who hath taken delight in thee, setting thee on his throne, to be king for Jehovah thy God: it is because thy God loveth Israel, to establish him for ever, that he hath made thee king over them, to do judgment and justice." And she gave unto the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there *ever in Jerusalem* such spice as the queen of Sheba gave unto king Solomon. And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought sandal-wood and precious stones. And the king made of the sandal-wood, stair-cases for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's house, and harps and lutes for the singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah. And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *the value of* that which she had brought unto the king. And she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

And the weight of the gold which came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold; beside that which traders and merchants brought. And all the allied kings and the prefects of the land brought gold and silver to Solomon.

And king Solomon made two hundred shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to each shield: and three hundred bucklers of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to each buckler. And the king placed them in the house of the Forest of Lebanon. And the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and supports for the arms on each side of the place for the seat, and two lions standing beside the supports. And there were twelve lions standing there, on the six steps, one on each side of *each step*. There was not a throne made like it in any kingdom.

And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, 20 and all the furniture of the house of the Forest of Lebanon was of pure gold: none were of silver; that was counted as nothing in the days of Solomon. For the king's ships went 21 to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: once in three years the ships of Tarshish came, bringing gold and silver, *and* ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

And king Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in 22 wealth and in wisdom. And all the kings of the earth 23 resorted unto Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put into his heart. And they brought each man his present, 24 vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armour, and spices, draught-horses, and mules, *of each* a yearly offering. And Solomon had four thousand pairs of horses 25 and chariots, and twelve thousand steeds; and they were stationed in the chariot-cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

And he reigned over all the kings, from the river *Euphrates* 26 even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem like 27 stones, and cedar trees he made to be like the sycomores which grow in the plains in abundance. And they brought 28 unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

And the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are 29 they not written in the book of Nathan the Prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the Seer, against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty 30 years.

And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in 31 the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.—And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for unto 1 Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. And it 2 came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it, (for he was *yet* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon,) that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. And 3 they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came. and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, “Thy father made our 4 yoke grievous: now therefore do thou lighten the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve thee.” And he said unto them, “Return 5 unto me after three days.” And the people departed. And 6

king Rehoboam consulted the aged men who had stood before Solomon his father, while he was alive, saying, "How do ye
 7 advise that I shall answer this people?" And they spake unto him, saying, "If thou be kind unto this people and please them, and speak good words unto them, then will they
 8 be thy servants for ever." But he forsook the counsel of the aged men which they had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with himself, and who stood before
 9 him. And he said unto them, "What do ye advise that we shall answer unto this people, who have spoken unto me saying, 'Lighten the yoke that thy father put upon us?'"
 10 And the young men who had grown up with him spake unto him, saying, "Thus shalt thou say unto the people who spake unto thee, saying, 'Thy father made our yoke heavy, but do thou lighten it upon us;' thus shalt thou say unto them, 'My
 11 little finger is thicker than my father's loins. And now, my father laid upon you a heavy yoke, but I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you*
 12 with scorpions.'" And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam, on the third day, according as the king had
 13 spoken, saying, "Return unto me on the third day." And the king answered them harshly; and king Rehoboam forsook
 14 the counsel of the aged men, and he spake unto them after the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you
 15 with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions." So the king did not hearken unto the people: but the cause was from God, that Jehovah might establish his word, which he had
 16 spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite, unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. And all Israel saw that the king had not hearkened unto them; and the people answered the king, saying, "What
 17 portion have we in David? yea, we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to your tents, O Israel! Now, see to thine own house, O David!" So all Israel departed
 18 to their tents. But as for the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. And king Rehoboam sent Hadoram who was over the labour-con-
 19 scription; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones so that he died. And king Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. And Israel revolted from the house of David, *as it is* unto this day.

1 CHAP. XI.—And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and he

assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen warriors, to fight against Israel, *and* to recover the kingdom again unto Rehoboam. But the word ² of Jehovah came to Shemaiah a man of God, saying, "Speak ³ unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 'Thus saith Jehovah, ⁴ Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me.'" And they obeyed the words of Jehovah, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for ⁵ defence in Judah. And he built Beth-lehem, and Etam, and ⁶ Tekoa, and Beth-zur, and Soco, and Adullam, and Gath, and ⁸ Mareshah, and Ziph, and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, ⁹ and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and ¹⁰ in Benjamin; fortified cities. And he strengthened the fort- ¹¹ resses, and put captains in them, and store of provisions, and of oil and wine. And in each city he put shields and spears, ¹² and made them exceeding strong. And Judah and Benjamin adhered to him.

And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel, re- ¹³ sorted unto him out of all their territories. For the Levites ¹⁴ left their pasture-lands and their possessions, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from being priests unto Jehovah: and had ordained unto him- ¹⁵ self priests for the high places, and for the goats, and for the calves which he had made. And after them, out of all the ¹⁶ tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek Jehovah the God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto Jehovah the God of their fathers. And they strengthened the king- ¹⁷ dom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

And Rehoboam took unto him to wife, Mahalath the ¹⁸ daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; and she bare unto him ¹⁹ sons, Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham. And after her he ²⁰ took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; and she bare unto him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. And Reho- ²¹ boam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines; and begat twenty-eight sons, and sixty daugh- ²² ters.) And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah to

be the chief, *and* ruler among his brethren : for *he purposed* to make him king. And he dealt prudently, and dispersed *certain* of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto all the fortified cities : and he gave them provisions in abundance. And he desired many wives.

- 1 CHAP. XII.—And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, that he forsook the law of Jehovah, and all Israel with him.
- 2 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem,
- 3 because they had transgressed against Jehovah, with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen : and the people were without number that came with him out of
- 4 Egypt ; Libyans, Sukkites, and Ethiopians. And he took the fortified cities which belonged to Judah, and came to
- 5 Jerusalem. And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, “ Thus saith Jehovah, ‘ Ye have forsaken me ; therefore have I also
- 6 left you in the hand of Shishak.’ ” And the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves ; and said, “ Jeho-
- 7 vah is righteous.” And when Jehovah saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah, saying, “ They have humbled themselves ; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance ; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon
- 8 Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. Nevertheless they shall be his servants ; that they may know my service, and the
- 9 service of the kingdoms of *other* lands.” So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king’s house ; he took all ; he carried away also the shields
- 10 of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made instead of them shields of brass, and committed them to the captains of the guards, who kept the door of the
- 11 king’s house. And it came to pass that whenever the king went into the house of Jehovah, the guards came and fetched them ; and they brought them back into the guard-
- 12 room. And when he humbled himself, the wrath of Jehovah turned away from him, and he destroyed him not utterly :
- 13 and also in Judah things went well. And king Reho-

boam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Jehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And he did evil, because he prepared not his 14 heart to seek Jehovah.

Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not 15 written in the book of Shemaiah the Prophet, and of Iddo the Socr, concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in 16 the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.—In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam 1 Abijah began to reign over Judah. He reigned three years 2 in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. And 3 Abijah began the war with an army of valiant warriors, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, mighty men of valour.

And Abijah stood up upon Mount Zemaraim, which is in 4 mount Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ought ye not to know that Jehovah the God of 5 Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons, by a covenant of salt? Yet Jero- 6 boam the son of Nebat, a servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. And 7 there were gathered unto him vain men, *and* vile, and they strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and weak-minded, and could not withstand them. And now ye think to with- 8 stand the kingdom of Jehovah in the hand of the sons of David; and ye are a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves, which Jeroboam made unto you for gods. Have ye not cast out the priests of Jehovah, the sons of 9 Aaron, and the Levites, and have made unto you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, he may become a priest of *them that are* no gods. But as for us, 10 Jehovah is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the

priests who minister unto Jehovah are the sons of Aaron, and
 11 the Levites *wait* upon the service. And they burn unto Jeho-
 vah, every morning and every evening, burnt-sacrifices and
 sweet incense : the shew-bread also *they set in order* upon the
 pure table ; and the lamp-stand of gold with the lamps thereof,
 to burn every evening : for we keep the charge of Jehovah,
 12 our God ; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God him-
 self is with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding
 trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight
 ye not against Jehovah the God of your fathers ? so that ye
 3 shall not prosper ? ” But Jeroboam caused an ambuscade
 to come about behind them : so they were before Judah, and
 14 the ambuscade was behind them. And when Judah looked
 back, behold, the battle was before and behind : and they cried
 unto Jehovah, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.
 15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout : and as the men of
 Judah shouted, it came to pass that God smote Jeroboam and
 16 all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel
 17 fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. And
 Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter : so
 there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen
 18 men. Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that
 time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied
 19 upon Jehovah the God of their fathers. And Abijah pursued
 after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with its
 villages, and Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephraim with its
 20 villages. Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the
 days of Abijah : and Jehovah struck him, and he died.
 21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and he married fourteen wives
 and begat twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters. And the
 rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are
 written in the history of the prophet Iddo.

1 CHAP. XIV.—And Abijah slept with his fathers, and
 they buried him in the city of David : and Asa his son
 reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten
 2 years. And Asa did that which was good and right in the
 3 eyes of Jehovah his God : for he took away the altars of the
 strange *gods*, and the high places, and brake down the images,
 4 and cut down the standing pillars : and commanded Judah
 to seek Jehovah the God of their fathers, and to do the law
 5 and the commandment. And he took away out of all the
 cities of Judah all the high places and the images : and the

kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fortified cities 6 in Judah : for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years ; because Jehovah had given him rest. Therefore he 7 said unto Judah, " Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars ; the land is yet before us, because we have sought Jehovah our God ; we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered. And Asa had an army that bare buckler and 8 spear, out of Judah three hundred thousand ; and out of Benjamin, that bare shield and drew bow, two hundred and fourscore thousand : all these were mighty men of valour. And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with 9 a host of a million, and three hundred chariots ; and he came unto Mareshah. And Asa went out against him, and they set 10 the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa cried unto Jehovah his God, and said, " O Jehovah ! 11 it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power : help us, O Jehovah our God ; for we rest on thee, and in thy name have we come against this multitude. O Jehovah, thou art our God ; let no man prevail against thee." So Jehovah smote the Ethiopians before Asa 12 and before Judah ; and the Ethiopians fled. And Asa and 13 the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar : and the Ethiopians were overthrown, so that they could not recover themselves ; for they were destroyed before Jehovah and before his host ; and they carried away very much spoil. And they smote all the cities round about Gerar ; for the fear 14 of Jehovah came upon them : and they spoiled all the cities ; for there was much spoil in them. They smote also the pen- 15 folds of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.—And the Spirit of God came upon Aza- 1 riah the son of Oded : and he went out to meet Asa, and 2 said unto him, " Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin ; Jehovah is with you, while ye are with him ; and if ye seek him, he will be found by you ; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel hath 3 been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble turned 4 unto Jehovah the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. And in those times there was no peace to 5 him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexa-

6 tions were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And
 7 nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city : for God
 8 did vex them with all adversity. Be ye strong therefore,
 9 and let not your hands be weak : for your work shall be
 10 rewarded." And when Asa heard these words, and the pro-
 11 phesy of Azariah the son of Oded the prophet, he took
 12 courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the
 13 land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he
 14 had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of
 15 Jehovah, which was before the porch of Jehovah. And he
 16 gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with
 17 them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon : for
 18 men revolted to him out of Israel in abundance, when they
 19 saw that Jehovah his God was with him. So they gathered
 themselves together at Jerusalem, in the third month in the
 fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. And they offered unto
 Jehovah at that time, of the spoil which they had brought,
 seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. And they
 entered into a covenant to seek Jehovah the God of their
 fathers with all their heart and with all their soul ; that
 whosoever would not seek Jehovah the God of Israel should
 be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or wo-
 man. And they swore unto Jehovah with a loud voice, and
 with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And
 all Judah rejoiced at the oath : for they had sworn with all
 their heart, and sought him with their whole desire ; and he
 was found by them : and Jehovah gave them rest round
 about. And also Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he
 deposed from being queen, because she had made an idol of
 Asherah : and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt
 it in the vale of Kidron. But the high places were not taken
 away out of Israel : nevertheless the heart of Asa was de-
 voted to Jehovah all his days. And he brought into the
 house of God the things which his father had dedicated, and
 which he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.
 And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of the
 reign of Asa.

1 CHAP. XVI.—In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of
 Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built
 Ramah, that he might hinder any from going or coming to
 2 Asa king of Judah. Then Asa brought out silver and gold
 out of the treasures of the house of Jehovah and out of the
 king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, how

dwelt at Damascus, saying, "Let there be a league between 3 me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father. Behold, I have sent unto thee silver and gold; come, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me." And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa; and he 4 sent the captains of the hosts which he had, against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the magazine-cities of Naphtali. And it came 5 to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he ceased from building Ramah, and left off his work. Then Asa the king took all 6 Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had been building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of 7 Judah, and said unto him, "Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on Jehovah thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge 8 host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on Jehovah, he delivered them into thy hand. For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole 9 earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is devoted to him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars." Then Asa 10 was wroth with the seer, and put him into a prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people at that time.

And behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, behold, they 11 are written in the book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty-ninth year of his reign was diseased 12 in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he had not recourse to Jehovah, but to the physicians.

And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty-first 13 year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchre, which he had made for himself in the city of David; and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of *spices*, compounded according to the art of the compounder; and they made a very great funeral fire for him.

CHAP. XVII.—And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his 1 stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. And he 2 placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim,

3 which Asa his father had taken. And Jehovah was with
 Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father
 4 David, and had not recourse unto the images of Baal; but
 sought to the God of his father, and walked in his command-
 5 ments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore Jehovah
 established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought
 to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in
 6 abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of
 Jehovah: moreover he took away the high places and stand-
 7 ing pillars out of Judah. And in the third year of his reign
 he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechar-
 iah, and Nethaneel, and Michaiah, to teach in the cities of
 8 Judah. And with them *he sent* Levites, even Shemaiah, and
 Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth,
 and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adoni-
 jah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.
 9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of
 Jehovah with them, and went about throughout all the cities
 10 of Judah, and taught the people. And the fear of Jehovah
 fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands which were round
 about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.
 11 Also some of the Philistines brought unto Jehoshaphat, pre-
 sents, and tribute-silver; and the Arabians brought him
 flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven
 12 thousand and seven hundred he-goats. And Jehoshaphat
 grew exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and maga-
 13 zine-cities. And he had large stores in the cities of Judah:
 and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jerusa-
 14 lem. And these are the numbers of them according to the
 house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands;
 Adnah the chief; and with him, mighty men of valour, three
 15 hundred thousand. And next to him was Jehohanan the
 captain; and with him two hundred and eighty thousand.
 16 And next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly
 offered himself unto Jehovah; and with him two hundred thou-
 17 sand, mighty men of valour. And of Benjamin, Eliada a
 mighty man of valour; and with him, armed men with bow and
 18 shield, two hundred thousand. And next him was Jehozabad;
 and with him a hundred and eighty thousand, ready prepared
 19 for the war. These waited on the king, beside those whom
 the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

1 CHAP. XVIII.—Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour
 in abundance; and he connected himself by marriage with

Ahab. And after certain years he went down to Ahab 2 to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that were with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead. And 3 Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" And he 4 answered him, "I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war." And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, "Enquire, I pray thee, this day, the word of Jehovah." Therefore the king of Israel 5 gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, "Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" And they said, "Go up; for God will deliver it into the hands of the king." And Jehoshaphat said, "Is 6 there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we may enquire of him?" And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, 7 "There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of Jehovah: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good concerning me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of of Imla." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so." And the king of Israel called an officer, and said, "Hasten 8 *hither* Micaiah the son of Imla." And the king of Israel and 6 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat, each on his throne, arrayed in their robes; and they sat in the open space at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for 10 himself horns of iron; and he said, "Thus saith Jehovah, 'With these shalt thou gore the Syrians, until thou hast destroyed them utterly.' " And all the prophets prophesied in 11 like manner, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for Jehovah shall deliver it into the king's hand." And 12 the messenger who went to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one accord; let thy word then, I pray thee, be like *the word of* one of them, and speak that which is good." And Micaiah said, "As Jehovah liveth, whatsoever my God 13 saith, that will I speak." And he came to the king. And 14 the king said unto him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" And he said, "Go ye up, and prosper, for they shall be delivered into your hand." 15 And the king said unto him, "How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of Jehovah?" And he said, "I saw all Israel scat- 16 tered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd:

and Jehovah said, 'These have no master: let them return
17 every man to his house in peace.' " And the king of Israel
said unto Jehoshaphat, " Did I not tell thee that he would not
18 prophesy good concerning me, but evil?" And he said, " There-
fore hear the word of Jehovah: I saw Jehovah sitting upon
his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right
19 hand and on his left. And Jehovah said, ' Who will entice
Ahab king of Israel, to go up that he may fall at Ramoth-
gilead?' And one spake saying after this manner, and
20 another saying after that manner. Then there came out a
spirit, and stood before Jehovah, and said, ' I will entice
21 him.' And Jehovah said unto him, ' How?' And he said,
' I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of
all his prophets.' And he said, ' Thou shalt entice *him*,
22 and thou shalt also prevail: go forth, and do so.' Now
therefore, behold, Jehovah hath put a lying spirit in the
mouth of these thy prophets, for Jehovah hath spoken evil
23 against thee." And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah drew
near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, " Which
way went the spirit of Jehovah from me to speak unto thee?"
24 And Micaiah said, " Behold, thou shalt see in that day when
25 thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself." And
the king of Israel said, " Take Micaiah, and carry him back
to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's
26 son; and say, ' Thus saith the king; Put this fellow in the
prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water
27 of affliction, until I return in peace.' " And Micaiah said,
" If thou return at all in peace, Jehovah hath not spoken
by me." And he said, " Harken, O people, every one of
you."

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah
29 went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said unto
Jehoshaphat, " I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle;
but do thou wear thine own apparel." And the king of Israel
30 disguised himself; and they went to the battle. Now the
king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots,
saying, " Fight neither with small nor great, save only with
31 the king of Israel." And it came to pass, when the captains
of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, " It is the
king of Israel." Therefore they compassed him round
about, to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and Jehovah helped
32 him; and God moved them *to depart* from him. For it came to
pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it

was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. And a certain man drew a bow in fair fight, and smote the 33 king of Israel between the joints of his armour: and he said unto his charioteer, "Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded." And the battle was hot 34 that day: and the king of Israel stood upright in his chariot facing the Syrians till even-tide: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

CHAP. XIX.—And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah re- 1 turned in peace to his house to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son 2 of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said unto king Jehoshaphat, "Oughtest thou to help the ungodly, and love them that hate Jehovah? therefore is wrath upon thee from before Jehovah. Nevertheless there are good things found in 3 thee, in that thou hast taken away the images of Ashera out of the land, and hast prepared thy heart to seek God." And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again 4 through the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto Jehovah the God of their fathers. And he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified 5 cities of Judah, city by city; and he said unto the judges, 6 "Take heed what ye do; for ye judge not for man, but for Jehovah, who is with you in the judgment. Wherefore now 7 let the fear of Jehovah be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with Jehovah our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts." Moreover in Jerusalem Jeho- s shaphat set *certain* of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of Jehovah, and for the law-suits, of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And 9 he charged them, saying, "Thus shall ye do in the fear of Jehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. And what cause 10 soever shall come to you of your brethren who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against Jehovah, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in 11 all matters relating to Jehovah; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all matters relating to the king; and the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and Jehovah shall be with the good."

1 CHAP. XX.—And it came to pass after this, that the
 children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with
 them *certain men* of the Edomites, came against Jehoshaphat to
 2 battle. Then there came some who told Jehoshaphat, saying,
 “There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond
 the sea *and* from Edom; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-
 3 tamar, which is En-gedi.” And Jehoshaphat feared, and set
 himself to seek Jehovah, and proclaimed a fast throughout
 4 all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask
 help of Jehovah: even out of all the cities of Judah they came
 5 to seek Jehovah. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation
 of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Jehovah, before the
 6 new court, and said, “O Jehovah God of our fathers, art not
 thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the king-
 doms of the heathen? and in thy hand is there not power and
 7 might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou
 our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land be-
 fore thy people Israel, and gave it to the seed of Abraham thy
 8 friend for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have built unto
 9 thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, ‘If, when evil
 cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or
 famine, we stand before this house and in thy presence, (for
 thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction,
 10 then thou wilt hear and help.’ And now, behold, the chil-
 dren of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou
 wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land
 of Egypt, (wherefore they turned from them, and destroyed
 11 them not,) behold, *how* they reward us, by coming to cast
 us out of thy possession, which thou hast given unto us
 12 to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we
 have no might against this great company which cometh
 against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are
 13 upon thee.” And all Judah stood before Jehovah, with
 14 their little ones, their wives and their children. Then upon
 Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of
 Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph,
 came the Spirit of Jehovah in the midst of the congregation;
 15 and he said, “Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of
 Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat. Thus saith Jehovah
 unto you, ‘Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this
 16 great multitude; for the battle is not your’s, but God’s. To-
 morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by
 the mountain-pass of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end

of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. Ye shall not 17
need to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye still, and
see the salvation of Jehovah with you, O Judah and Jerusa-
lem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go out against
them: for Jehovah will be with you.’” And Jehoshaphat 18
bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before Jehovah worship-
ping Jehovah. And the Levites, of the children of the Ko- 19
hathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to
praise Jehovah the God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into 20
the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehosha-
phat stood and said,

“Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem;
Believe in Jehovah your God, so shall ye be established;
Believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.”

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed 21
singers unto Jehovah, and choristers in festive attire, *to sing*
as they went out before the army, and to say,

“Praise ye Jehovah; for his mercy endureth for ever.”

And when they began to sing and to praise, Jehovah set 22
ambuscades against the children of Ammon, Moab, and
mount Seir, who were come against Judah; and they were
smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up 23
against the inhabitants of mount Seir, to slay and destroy
them utterly: and when they had made an end of the
inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.
And when Judah came toward the watch-tower in the wil- 24
derness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they
were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. And 25
when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil
of them, they found among them in abundance, both riches
with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they strip-
ped off for themselves, more than they could carry away:
and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so
much.

And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the 26
valley of Berachah [BLESSING:] for there they blessed Jeho-
vah: therefore the name of the same place was called the

27 valley of Berachah unto this day. Then they returned every
 man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in front of
 28 them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for Jehovah had
 made them to rejoice over their enemies. And they came to
 Jerusalem with lutes and harps and trumpets, unto the house
 29 of Jehovah. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms
 of *those* countries, when they had heard that Jehovah fought
 30 against the enemies of Israel. So the realm of Jehoshaphat
 was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty-five
 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five
 years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah
 32 the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in the way of Asa
 his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was
 33 right in the sight of Jehovah. Howbeit the high places
 were not taken away: for as yet the people had not applied
 their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, be-
 hold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani,
 who is mentioned in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

35 And after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself
 36 with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly: and he
 joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish:
 37 and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. Then Eliezer the
 son of Dodavah of Maresbah prophesied against Jehoshaphat,
 saying, "Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah,
 Jehovah hath shattered thy works." And the ships were
 shattered, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

1 CHAP. XXI.—Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and
 was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jeho-
 2 ram his son reigned in his stead. And he had brethren the
 sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and
 Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the
 3 sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. And their father gave
 unto them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious
 things, with fortified cities in Judah: but the kingdom he
 4 gave to Jehoram; because he was the firstborn. Now when
 Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he
 strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the
 5 sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel. Jehoram was
 thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned

eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the 6 kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab : for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife : and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah. Howbeit Jehovah would not 7 destroy the house of David, because of the covenant which he had made with David, and as he promised to give unto him and unto his children, a lamp for ever.

In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion 8 of Judah, and made a king over themselves. Then Jehoram 9 went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him : and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites who had surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots. So the 10 Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted from under his hand at the same time ; because he had forsaken Jehovah the God of his fathers. Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, 11 and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereunto*. And there came a 12 writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, " Thus saith Jehovah the God of David thy father, ' Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, but hast walked in the way of the kings 13 of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, who were better than thyself, behold, Jehovah will smite thy 14 people with a great plague, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods : and thou shalt have great sickness by dis- 15 ease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.' " Moreover Jehovah stirred up 16 against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians who *dwelt* near the Ethiopians : and they came up into 17 Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives ; so that there was not a son left him, save Ahaziah, the youngest of his sons. And after all this Jehovah smote 18 him in his bowels with an incurable disease. And it came to 19 pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness : so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no funeral fire for him, like the funeral fires of his fathers. He was thirty-two years old 20 when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight

years, and departed without being regretted. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

- 1 CHAP. XXII.—And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men which came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king
2 of Judah reigned. Ahaziah was forty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri.
3 And he walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for
4 his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. And he did evil in the sight of Jehovah like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his
5 destruction. And he walked after their counsel, and went with Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians
6 smote Joram. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Joram
7 the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out] with Joram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Jehovah had anointed to cut off
8 the house of Ahab. And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of
9 Ahaziah, who ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them. And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hidden in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: "Because," said they, "he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Jehovah with all his heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no strength to retain
10 the kingdom. And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the
11 seed royal of the house of Judah. But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were *to be* slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from

Athaliah, so that she slew him not. And he was with them ¹² hidden in the house of God six years : and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAP. XXIII.—And in the seventh year Jehoiada ¹ strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. And they went about in Judah, and gathered ² the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel; and they came to Jerusalem. And all ³ the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And *Jehoiada* said to them, “Behold, the king’s son shall reign, as Jehovah hath said of the sons of David. This is the thing that ye shall do; a third part of you that ⁴ enter in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be keepers of the doors; and a third part shall be at ⁵ the king’s house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of Jehovah. But let none come into the house of Jehovah, ⁶ save the priests, and those of the Levites that minister; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the ordinance of Jehovah. And the Levites shall surround ⁷ the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.” So the Levites and all Judah did according to ⁸ all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded; and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. Moreover ⁹ Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds, spears, and bucklers, and shields, which had been king David’s, which were in the house of God. And he set all the ¹⁰ people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, beside the king round about. And they brought forth the king’s son, and put ¹¹ upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, “Long live the king!”

And Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and ¹²

praising the king, and she came to the people into the house
 13 of Jehovah : and she looked, and, behold, the king was standing
 upon his pedestal at the entrance, and the princes and the trum-
 peters were by the king : and all the people of the land were re-
 joicing, and blowing with trumpets; also the singers, and such
 as taught to sing praise, with instruments of musick. And
 Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, "Treason! Treason!"
 14 But Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds
 that were set over the host, and said unto them, "Put her
 forth without the ranks : and whoso followeth her, let him be
 slain with the sword." For the priest had said, "Slay her
 15 not in the house of Jehovah." So they laid hands on her ;
 and she went by the horse-avenue to the king's house ; and
 there they slew her.

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between
 all the people, and between the king, that they should be the
 17 people of Jehovah. And all the people went to the house of
 Baal, and tore it down ; they brake his altars and his images
 in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.
 18 And Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of Jehovah
 by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had dis-
 tributed in the house of Jehovah, to offer the burnt-offerings
 of Jehovah, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing
 19 and with singing, *as it was ordained* by David. And he
 set the porters at the gates of the house of Jehovah, that
 20 none who was unclean in any thing should enter. And he
 took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the gover-
 nors of the people, and all the people of the land, and
 brought down the king from the house of Jehovah : and they
 came through the upper gate *of the temple* into the king's
 house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.
 21 And all the people of the land rejoiced ; and the city was
 quiet ; and they slew Athaliah with the sword.

1 CHAP. XXIV.—Joash was seven years old when he be-
 gan to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. And
 2 his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Joash
 did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah all the days
 3 of Jehoiada the priest. And Jehoiada took for him two
 wives : and he begat sons and daughters.

And it came to pass after this, that it came into the heart
 of Joash to repair the house of Jehovah. And he gathered
 together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, "Go

out unto the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God, from year to year; and see that ye hasten the matter.” Howbeit the Levites hastened it 6 not. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief *priest*, and said unto him, “Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of Jehovah, and out of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of testimony?” For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, 7 had broken up the house of God; and also of all the consecrated things of the house of Jehovah they had made images of Baal. And at the king’s commandment they made a 8 chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of Jehovah. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, 9 to bring in to Jehovah the collection which Moses the servant of God *had laid* upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the 10 princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. Now it came to 11 pass, that at the time when the chest was brought unto the king’s office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king’s scribe and the high priest’s officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it 12 to those who did the work of the service of the house of Jehovah; and they hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of Jehovah, and also workers in iron and brass to strengthen the house of Jehovah. And the workmen 13 wrought, and the damages of the work were amended by them, and they set the house of God in its *proper* order, and restored it. And when they had finished it, they brought 14 the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of Jehovah, even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of Jehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada.

But Jehoiada became old, and was full of days when he 15 died; a hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. And they buried him in the city of David along with the 16 kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and his house.

And after the death of Jehoiada the princes of Judah 17 came and made obeisance to the king. Then the king

18 hearkened unto them. And they left the house of Jehovah the God of their fathers, and served upright pillars and idols : and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for
 19 this their transgression. Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto Jehovah ; and they testified against
 20 them : but they would not give ear. And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, and he stood above the people, and said unto them, "Thus saith God, 'Why transgress ye the commandments of Jehovah, so that ye cannot prosper? Because ye have forsaken Jehovah,
 21 he hath also forsaken you.' " And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the command of the
 22 king, in the court of the house of Jehovah. Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, "Jehovah will look *upon this*, and require *it*."

23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him : and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the
 24 king of Damascus. Although the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, yet Jehovah delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken Jehovah the God of their fathers. And they executed judgment against Joash. And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him, for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest ; and they slew him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, but they buried
 26 him not in the sepulchres of the kings. And these are they that conspired against him ; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess.

27 And his sons, and the greatness of the tribute laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary upon the Book of the Kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XXV.—Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of
 2 Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight of
 3 Jehovah, but not with a perfect heart. And it came to pass,

when the kingdom was established with him, that he slew his servants who had killed the king his father. But he 4 slew not their children, but *did* as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where Jehovah commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers, but every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

And Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them 5 captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. He hired also out of Israel a hundred thou- 6 sand mighty men of valour, for a hundred talents of silver. But there came a man of God to him, saying, "O king, let 7 not the army of Israel go with thee; for Jehovah is not with Israel, *nor* with any of the children of Ephraim. But *if* *thou wilt*, go, do it, be strong for the battle: *yet* God will make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down." And Amaziah said to the man of 9 God, "But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel?" And the man of God answered, "Jehovah is able to give unto thee much more than that." Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the 10 army that was come to him out of Ephraim, that they might go home again: and their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger. And 11 Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. And other ten thousand *that were* left alive, 12 the children of Judah carried away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were dashed in pieces. But 13 the soldiers of the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

And it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the 14 slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. Wherefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Amaziah, 15

and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, "Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, who could not deliver their own people out of thy hand?" And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, "Art thou made of the king's counsel? Forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten?" Then the prophet forbore, and said, "I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel."

17 Then Amaziah king of Judah determined within himself, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us look one another in the face." And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give thy daughter to my son to wife:' and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle. Thou sayest to *thyself*, 'Behold, thou hast smitten the Edomites;' and thy heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?" But Amaziah would not hear; for *it came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash the king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face, at Beth-she-
22 mesh, which belongeth to Judah. And Judah was smitten down before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem; and battered down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the gate of the
24 corner-tower, four hundred cubits. And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, and the hostages; and returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

26 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And after the time that Amaziah turned away from following Jehovah they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusa-

lem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. And they brought him on horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah. 28

CHAP. XXVI.—And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, 1
 who was sixteen years old, and made him king, instead of his
 father Amaziah. He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah,
 after that the king slept with his fathers. Uzziah was sixteen 3
 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two
 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah
 of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight 4
 of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah did.
 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had 5
 understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he
 sought Jehovah, God made him to prosper. And he went 6
 forth and warred against the Philistines, and battered down
 the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of
 Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philis-
 tines. And God helped him against the Philistines, and 7
 against the Arabians who dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Me-
 hunites. And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and 8
 his name spread abroad even to the entrance to Egypt; for
 he became exceedingly powerful. Moreover Uzziah built 9
 towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley
 gate, and at the angles *of the wall*, and fortified them.
 Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many 10
 wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country
 and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vine dressers in the
 mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry. More- 11
 over Uzziah had a host of fighting men, who went out
 to war by bands, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the
 king's captains, according to the number of their account *as*
it was taken by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the
 ruler. The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the 12
 mighty men of valour was two thousand six hundred. And 13
 under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and
 seven thousand and five hundred, who made war with mighty
 power, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah 14
 prepared for them, *even* for all the host, shields, and spears,
 and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and slings to cast
 stones. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by 15
 skilful men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to
 shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far

abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he became
 16 mighty. But when he became mighty, his heart was lifted
 up to his destruction: for he transgressed against Jehovah
 his God, and went into the temple of Jehovah to burn incense
 17 upon the altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in
 after him, and with him eighty priests of Jehovah, valiant
 18 men: and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him,
 “*It appertaineth* not unto thee, O Uzziah, to burn incense
 unto Jehovah, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, who are
 consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for
 thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour
 19 from the Lord Jehovah.” Then Uzziah was enraged, and *took*
 a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was
 enraged with the priests, the leprosy rose up in his forehead,
 in presence of the priests in the house of Jehovah, beside the
 20 altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the
 priests, looked upon him, and behold he was leprous in his
 forehead; and they thrust him out thence; yea, himself
 hastened also to go out, because Jehovah had smitten him.
 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death,
 and dwelt in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut
 off from the house of Jehovah: and Jotham his son was over
 the king’s house, judging the people of the land.
 22 And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote the
 23 rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last. So Uzziah slept
 with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the
 field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said,
 “He is a leper.” And Jotham his son reigned in his
 stead.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—Jotham was twenty-five years old when
 he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
 And his mother’s name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.
 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah,
 according to all that his father Uzziah had done: howbeit
 he entered not into the temple of Jehovah. But the people
 3 did yet corruptly. He built the upper gate of the house of
 Jehovah, and within the wall of the height *on mount Zion*
 4 he built much. Moreover he built cities in the mountains
 of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.
 5 And he waged war with the king of the Ammonites, and pre-
 vailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him
 the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand

cors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he 6 ordered his ways *as* in the presence of Jehovah his God.

And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and 7 his ways, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. He was twenty-five years old when he 8 began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him 9 in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.—Ahaz was twenty-five years old when 1 he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the sight of Jehovah, like David his father: but he walked in 2 the ways of the kings of Israel, yea and he made molten images, *even* statues of Baal. Moreover he burnt incense 3 in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom Jehovah had cast out before the children of Israel. And he 4 sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. Wherefore Jehovah his 5 God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. For Pekah the son of Remaliah 6 slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all valiant men; because they had forsaken Jehovah the God of their fathers. And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, 7 slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king. And 8 the children of Israel carried away into captivity two hundred thousand of their brethren, *their* wives, sons, and daughters; and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of Jehovah was there, whose 9 name was Oded: and he went out before the host which came to Samaria, and said unto them, "Behold, because Jehovah the God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven. And now ye purpose to 10 keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem, for bond-

men and bondwomen unto you : *but are there* not with you,
 11 even with you, sins against Jehovah your God? Now hear
 me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have
 taken captive of your brethren : else the fierce wrath of
 12 Jehovah will be upon you." Then certain of the heads of
 the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Bere-
 chiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of
 Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against
 13 them that came from the war, and said unto them, "Ye
 shall not bring in the captives hither : for whereas we have
 offended against Jehovah *already*, ye intend to add to our
 sins and to our trespass : for our trespass is great, and there
 14 is fierce wrath against Israel." So the armed men left the
 captives and the spoil before the princes and all the con-
 15 gregation. And the men who have been *above* expressed by
 name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil
 clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them,
 and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and
 anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses,
 and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their
 brethren : *then* they returned to Samaria.

16 And at that time king Ahaz sent unto the king of
 17 Assyria to help him. For again the Edomites had come and
 18 smitten Judah, and carried away captives. The Philistines
 also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the
 south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon,
 and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and
 Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the
 19 villages thereof : and they dwelt there. For Jehovah had
 brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Judah ; for
 he had made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against
 20 Jehovah. And Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto
 21 him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. For
 Ahaz despoiled the house of Jehovah and the house of the
 king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of
 22 Assyria : but he helped him not. And in the time of his
 distress this same king Ahaz trespassed yet more against
 23 Jehovah : for he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, who
 had smitten him : and he said, "Because the gods of the
 kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them,
 that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him,
 24 and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels
 of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the

house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of Jehovah, and he made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger Jehovah the God of his fathers. 25

And the rest of his acts and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. 26

CHAP. XXIX.—Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done. 2

In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of Jehovah, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, and said unto them, "Hear me, ye Levites; sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of Jehovah the God of your fathers, and carry forth the impurity out of the holy place. For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of Jehovah our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Jehovah, and turned their backs upon it. Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. Wherefore the wrath of Jehovah was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. For, behold our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with Jehovah the God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. My sons, be not now negligent: for Jehovah hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense." 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and 12

Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of
 13 Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah
 14 and Mattaniah: and of the sons of Heman, Jehiel, and Shimei;
 15 and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah, and Uzziel. And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the
 16 words of Jehovah, to purify the house of Jehovah. And the priests went into the inner part of the house of Jehovah, to purify it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Jehovah, into the court of the house of Jehovah. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into
 17 the brook Kidron. Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of Jehovah: so they sanctified the house of Jehovah in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of
 18 the first month they made an end. Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said "We have purified all the house of Jehovah, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the imple-
 19 thereof. Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we set in order and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of Jehovah."

20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers
 21 of the city, and went up to the house of Jehovah. And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests
 22 the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of Jehovah. So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.
 23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon
 24 them: and the priest killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt-offering
 25 and the sin-offering should be made for all Israel. And he set the Levites in the house of Jehovah with cymbals, with

lutes, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet : for *so was* the commandment of Jehovah by his prophets. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the 26 priests with the trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded to offer 27 the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of Jehovah began *also*, with the trumpets and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, 28 and the trumpeters sounded : *and all this continued* until the burnt-offering was finished. And when they had made an 29 end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped. Moreover Hezekiah the 30 king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto Jehovah with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. Then Hezekiah answered and 31 said, "Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto Jehovah, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of Jehovah." And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a free heart *brought* burnt-offerings. And the number of the burnt-offer- 32 ings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs : all these were for a burnt-offering to Jehovah. And the consecrated 33 things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. But 34 the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings : wherefore their brethren the Levites helped them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves : for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. And also the 35 burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the service of the house of Jehovah was set in order. And 36 Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people : for the thing was done suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.—And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and 1 Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto Jehovah the God of Israel. For the 2 king had determined within himself, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the

3 second month. For they could not keep it at that time,
because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently,
neither had the people gathered themselves together to
4 Jerusalem. And the thing pleased the king and all the
5 congregation. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto Jehovah the God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it
6 of a long *time in such sort* as it was written. So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah; and according to the commandment of the king, saying, "Ye children of Israel, turn again unto Jehovah the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped
7 out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, who trespassed against Jehovah the God of their fathers, who therefore gave
8 them up to desolation, as ye see. Now be not ye stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto Jehovah, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve Jehovah your God, that the fierceness of his wrath
9 may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto Jehovah, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for Jehovah your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him."

10 So the couriers passed from city to city, through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they
11 laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled
12 themselves, and came to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of God was *with them*, to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of Jehovah.

13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very
14 great congregation. And they arose and took away the altars which were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the altars
15 for incense, and cast them into the brook Kidron. And they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into

the house of Jehovah. And they stood in their place after 16
 their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of
 God: *and* the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received*
 of the hand of the Levites. For there were many in the 17
 congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites
 had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one
 that was not clean, to sanctify them unto Jehovah. For a 18
 multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manas-
 seh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, yet
 did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written.
 But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "The good Jehovah
 pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, Jeho- 19
 vah the God of his *fathers*, though he be not *cleansed* accord-
 ing to the purification of the sanctuary." And Jehovah 20
 hearkened to Hezekiah, and forgave the people. And the 21
 children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the
 feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness:
 and the Levites and the priests praised Jehovah day by day,
 singing with loud instruments unto Jehovah. And Hezekiah 22
 spake encouragingly unto all the Levites that taught the
 good knowledge of Jehovah: and they did eat throughout
 the feast seven days, offering peace-offerings, and making
 confession to Jehovah the God of their fathers. And the 23
 whole assembly determined to keep other seven days: and
 they kept *other* seven days with gladness. For Hezekiah 24
 king of Judah gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks
 and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the con-
 gregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and
 a great number of priests sanctified themselves. And all 25
 the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites,
 and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the
 strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt
 in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem: 26
 for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel
 there was not the like in Jerusalem. And the priests *and* 27
 the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was
 heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling-place,
 even unto heaven.

CHAP. XXXI.—Now when all this was finished, all Israel 1
 that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake
 the images in pieces, and cut down the standing pillars, and
 threw down the high places and the altars, out of all Judah

and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manassch, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 And Hezekiah established the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates
3 of the camp of Jehovah. *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts,
4 as it is written in the law of Jehovah. Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be confirmed
5 in the law of Jehovah. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things
6 they brought in abundantly. And *as for* the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto Jehovah their
7 God, and laid them by heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them
8 in the seventh month. And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Jehovah, and his people
9 Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the
10 Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him, and said, "*Since the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of Jehovah we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for Jehovah hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great
11 store." Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in
12 the house of Jehovah; and they prepared them: and they brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cananiah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next. And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Cananiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house
14 of God. And Koré the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, was over the freewill offerings to God, to distribute the oblations to Jehovah, and the most holy things.

And under his direction were Eden, and Miniamin, and 15
 Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities
 of the priests, in trust to give unto their brethren by courses,
 as well to the great as to the small: beside their registered 16
 male offspring from three years old and upward, even unto
 every one that entereth into the house of Jehovah, his daily
 portion for their service in their charges according to their
 courses; both to the registered priests by the house of their 17
 fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in
 their charges by their courses; and to those who were en- 18
 rolled in the register of all their little ones, their wives, and
 their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation:
 for in their trust they sanctified themselves in holiness: also 19
 of the sons of Aaron the priests, *who were* in the pasturage
 fields of their cities, in every city, the men who have been ex-
 pressed by name, *were appointed* to give portions to all the males
 among the priests, and to all that were enrolled in the regis- 20
 ters among the Levites. And thus did Hezekiah throughout
 all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and true
 before Jehovah his God. And in every work that he began in 21
 the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the com-
 mandments, to seek his God, he acted with all his heart, and
 he prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.—After these things, and *this* integrity, 1
 Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah,
 and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought to win
 them for himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennache- 2
 rib was come, and that he was determined to fight against
 Jerusalem, he took counsel with his princes and his mighty 3
 men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without
 the city: and they helped him. And there was gathered 4
 much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the
 brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, “Why
 should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?”
 Also he took courage, and built up all the wall that was 5
 broken, and raised it up to the towers, and *he built* another
 wall without, and repaired the embankment in the city
 of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. And 6
 he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them
 together unto him in the street of the gate of the city, and
 spake encouragingly to them, saying, “Be strong and valiant; 7
 be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all
 the multitude that is with him: for there are more with us

8 than with him : with him is an arm of flesh ; but with us is
the arm of Jehovah our God to help us, and to fight our
battles.” And the people relied upon the words of Hezekiah
9 king of Judah. After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent
his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against
Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of
Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying,
10 “Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whercon do ye
11 trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem? Doth not
Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by fa-
mine and by thirst, saying, ‘Jehovah our God will deliver us
12 out of the hand of the king of Assyria?’ Hath not the
same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars,
and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, ‘Ye shall
13 worship before one altar *only*, and burn incense upon it?’
Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all
the people of other lands? Were the gods of the nations
of those lands at all able to deliver their lands out of my
14 hand? Who was there among all the gods of those
nations which my fathers utterly destroyed, that could
deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should
15 be able to deliver you out of my hand? Now therefore
let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this
manner, neither believe ye him : for no god of any nation or
kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and
out of the hand of my fathers : how much less shall your
16 God deliver you out of my hand?” And his servants spake
yet more against the Lord Jehovah, and against his servant
17 Hezekiah. He wrote also letters to rail on Jehovah the God
of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, “As the gods of
the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out
of my hand, so neither shall the God of Hezekiah deliver his
18 people out of my hand.” Then they cried with a loud voice
in the Jewish language unto the people of Jerusalem that were
on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them ; that they
19 might take the city. And they spake against the God of
Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth,
20 which were the work of the hands of man. And for this cause
Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz,
21 prayed and cried to heaven. And Jehovah sent an angel,
which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders
and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he re-
turned with shame of face to his own land. And when he
was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of

his own bowels slew him there with the sword. Thus Jeho- 22
vah saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from
the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the
hand of every one, and guided them on every side. And 23
many brought gifts unto Jehovah to Jerusalem, and presents
to Hezekiah king of Judah : so that he was magnified in the
sight of all nations from thenceforth.

In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed 24
unto Jehovah : and he spake unto him, and he gave him a
sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the 25
benefit done unto him ; for his heart was lifted up : therefore
there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.
Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride 26
of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so
that the wrath of Jehovah came not upon them in the days
of Hezekiah.

And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour : and 27
he made unto himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and
for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all
manner of pleasant jewels ; storehouses also for the produce of 28
corn, and wine, and oil ; and stalls for all sorts of cattle, and
cattle and flocks for the stalls. And he provided for himself 29
cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance : for
God had given him exceeding much property. This same 30
Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gi-
hon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city
of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. How- 31
beit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of
Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that
was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he
might know all that was in his heart.

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, 32
behold they are written in the Vision of Isaiah the Prophet,
the Son of Amoz, and in the Book of the Kings of Judah
and Israel.

And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him 33
in the chief of the sepulchres of the sons of David : and all
Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his
death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.—Manasseh was twelve years old when 1
he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusa-
lem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, 2
like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom Jehovah had

3 cast out before the children of Israel. For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baal and Ashtoreth, and made images of Ashera, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served
4 them. Also he built altars in the house of Jehovah, whereof Jehovah had said, "In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever."
5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts
6 of the house of Jehovah. And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with necromancers, and wizards: he wrought much
7 evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon, his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for
8 ever: neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; provided that they take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the old law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses." So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom Jehovah had destroyed before the children
9 of Israel. And Jehovah spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.
10 Wherefore Jehovah brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, who seized Manasseh with grappling hooks, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to
11 Babylon. And when he was in affliction, he besought Jehovah his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of
12 his fathers, and prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew
13 that Jehovah he is God. Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance of the fish gate, and compassed about the citadel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fortified cities of
14 Judah. And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of Jehovah, and all the altars which he had built in the mount of the house of Jehovah, and in Jerusalem, and
15 cast them out of the city. And he repaired the altar of Jehovah, and sacrificed thereon peace-offerings, and thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to serve Jehovah the God

of Israel. Nevertheless the people sacrificed still on the 17 high places; *but* only unto Jehovah their God.

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto 18 his God, and the words of the seers who spake to him in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. His prayer also, and 19 *how God* was entreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up standing pillars and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written in the Sayings of the Seers.

And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried 20 him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, 21 and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. But he did that 22 which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as did Manasseh his father; for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; and humbled 23 not himself before Jehovah, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more. 24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. And the people of the land slew all them that 25 had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIV.—Josiah was eight years old when he began 1 to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. And 2 he did that which was right in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, 3 while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the standing pillars, and the carved images, and the molten statues. And 4 they brake down the altars of Baal and Ashtoreth in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the standing pillars, and the carved images, and the molten statues, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, 5 and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. And in the cities of 6 Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Napthali, he sought out their temples round about. And when he had 7

broken down the altars and the standing pillars, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

- 8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the remembrancer, to repair the house of
9 Jehovah his God. And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they
10 returned to Jerusalem. And they put it in the hand of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of Jehovah, and they gave it to the workmen who wrought in the house of Jeho-
11 vah, to repair and strengthen the house: even to the artificers and builders they gave it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to roof the chambers which the kings of Judah
12 had destroyed. And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them, Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, were appointed to superintend; and *of* the
13 Levites all that were skilful on instruments of musick. Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.
14 And as they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of Jehovah, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of Jehovah *given* by the hand of Moses.
15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the Scribe, "I have found the book of the law, in the house of Jehovah."
16 And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, "All that was committed to thy servants, they
17 are doing. And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of Jehovah, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen."
18 And Shaphan the secretary told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest hath given unto me a book." And Shaphan read it
19 before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had
20 heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Sha-

phan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, "Go, 21 enquire of Jehovah for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of Jehovah that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Jehovah, to do after all that is written in this book." And 22 Hilkiah, and *they* whom the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second district:) and they spake to her to that effect. And she said unto them, "Thus saith Jehovah the 23 God of Israel, 'Tell ye the man who sent you to me, Thus 24 saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense 25 unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.' But 26 as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of Jehovah, so shall ye say unto him, 'Thus saith Jehovah the God of Israel; *as touching* the words which thou hast heard, Because 27 thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee*, saith Jehovah. Behold, I will gather thee unto thy fa- 28 thers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof.'" So they brought the king word again.

And the king sent and gathered together all the elders of 29 Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house 30 of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of Jehovah. And the king stood upon his pedestal, and 31 made a covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which were written in this book. And 32

he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve Jehovah their God. And all his days they departed not from following Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

1 CHAP. XXXV.—And Josiah kept a passover unto Jehovah in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the four-
 2 teenth *day* of the first month. And he set the priests over their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house
 3 of Jehovah, and said unto the Levites who taught all Israel, *and* who were consecrated unto Jehovah, “Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; let it not be a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now
 4 Jehovah your God, and his people Israel, and prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after *your* courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to
 5 the writing of Solomon his son. And stand in the sanctuary according to the separation of the families of *your* fathers, from your brethren the sons of the people; and after the division of the families of the Levites. And kill the passover,
 6 and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren, that they may do according to the word of Jehovah by Moses.”
 7 And Josiah gave unto the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand; and three thousand
 8 bullocks: these were of the king’s property. And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *lambs and kids*, and three
 9 hundred oxen. And Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover-offerings five thousand *lambs and kids*, and five hundred oxen.
 10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king’s
 11 commandment. And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed
 12 *the victims*. And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they

might permit *the people* according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto Jehovah, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so *did they* on the following day.

And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy offerings they seethed in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people. And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, the king's seers; and the porters *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them. So all the service of Jehovah was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of Jehovah according to the commandment of king Josiah. And the children of Israel who were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. And there was no passover like unto that kept in Israel, from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, with the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

After all this, when Josiah had restored the temple, Necho king of Egypt went up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the nation with which I am at war: for God commanded me to make haste: refrain from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not." Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but secretly prepared himself to fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho *which came* from the mouth of God; and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away; for I am sore wounded." And his servants took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died,

and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah : and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their dirges to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel : and behold they are written in the Dirges.

26 The rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of Jehovah, and his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

1 CHAP. XXXVI.—And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's
2 stead in Jerusalem. Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and
3 laid upon the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and
4 a talent of gold. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem : and he did
6 that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah his God. Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound
7 him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried some of the vessels of the house of Jehovah to Babylon, and put them into his temple at Babylon. Now the rest
8 of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah : and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

9 Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem : and
10 he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of Jehovah, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign,

and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did that 12 which was evil in the sight of Jehovah his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of Jehovah. And he also revolted from king Nebu- 13 chadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart from turning unto Jehovah the God of Israel.

Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, trans- 14 gressed very much, after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of Jehovah which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And Jehovah, the God of their fathers, sent to 15 them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place: but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised 16 his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of Jehovah arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, 17 who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and 18 small, and the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake 19 down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And 20 them that had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfil the word of 21 Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the 22 word of Jehovah *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, "Thus saith Cyrus 23 king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath Jehovah the God of heaven given unto me; and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? Jehovah his God be with him, and let him go up."

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1 CHAP. I.—Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,
that the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might
be fulfilled, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king
of Persia, and he made proclamation throughout all his
2 kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, “Thus saith
Cyrus king of Persia, Jehovah God of heaven hath given
me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged
me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in
3 Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God
be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in
Judah, and build the house of Jehovah God of Israel (he is
4 God) which is at Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in
any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help
him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with
beasts, besides the freewill-offering for the house of God
which is at Jerusalem.”

5 Then rose up the heads of the fathers of Judah and Ben-
jamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all whose spirit
God stirred up, to go up to build the house of Jehovah which
6 is at Jerusalem. And all they that were about them strength-
ened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods,
and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that
was willingly offered.

7 And Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house
of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of
8 Jerusalem, and had put into the house of his gods; these did
Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath
the treasurer; and he numbered them unto Sheshbazzar,
9 the prince of Judah. And this is the number of them:
thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine

and twenty knives, thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with the captives that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. II.—Now these are the children of the province who went up out of the captivity, of them that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and who came again to Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; who came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpah, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel: the children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred and seventy-two. The children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two. The children of Arah, seven hundred and seventy-five. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. The children of Zattu, nine hundred and forty-five. The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. The children of Bani, six hundred and forty-two. The children of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-three. The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred and twenty-two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-six. The children of Bigvai, two thousand and fifty-six. The children of Adin, four hundred and fifty-four. The children of Ater of the family of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. The children of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-three. The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve. The children of Hashum, two hundred and twenty-three. The children of Gibbar, ninety-five. The children of Beth-lehem, a hundred and twenty-three. The men of Netophah, fifty-six. The men of Anathoth, a hundred and twenty-eight. The children of Azmaveth, forty-two. The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three. The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred and twenty-one. The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty-two. The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred and twenty-three. The children of Nebo, fifty-two. The children of Magbish, a hundred and fifty-six. The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. The children of Harim, 32

33 three hundred and twenty. The children of Lod, Hadid,
34 and Ono, seven hundred and twenty-five. The children of
35 Jericho, three hundred and forty-five. The children of Se-
naah, three thousand six hundred and thirty.

36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of
37 Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three. The children of
38 Immer, a thousand and fifty-two. The children of Pashur,
39 a thousand two hundred and forty-seven. The children of
Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the
children of Hodaviah, seventy-four.

41 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred and
twenty-eight.

42 The children of the door-keepers: the children of Shallum,
the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of
Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in
all a hundred and thirty-nine.

43 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Ha-
44 supha, the children of Tabbaoth, the children of Keros, the
45 children of Siaha, the children of Padon, the children of
Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,
46 the children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children
47 of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the
48 children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of
49 Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the
50 children of Paseah, the children of Besai, the children of
Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,
51 the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children
52 of Harhur, the children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida,
53 the children of Harsha, the children of Barkos, the children
54 of Sisera, the children of Tamar, the children of Nezhiah,
55 the children of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants:
the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children
56 of Peruda, the children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon,
57 the children of Giddel, the children of Shephatiah, the
children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-Zebaim, the
58 children of Ami. All the Nethinim, and the children of
Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two.

59 And these are they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa,
Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show their
father's house, nor their descent, whether they were of Israel:
60 the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children
61 of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two. And of the children

of the priests : the children of Habaiah, the children of Hako^z, the children of Barzillai ; who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name : these sought their genealogical registers, but they were not 62 found ; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. And the deputy said unto them, that they should 63 not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand 64 three hundred and sixty, besides their man-servants and their 65 maid-servants ; these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven ; and among them were two hundred singing men and singing women. Their horses were seven hundred 66 and thirty-six ; their mules, two hundred and forty-five ; their camels, four hundred and thirty-five ; their asses, six 67 thousand seven hundred and twenty.

And the heads of the fathers, when they came to the house 68 of Jehovah which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place : they gave after their ability 69 unto the treasure of the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand manehs of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

So the priests, and the Levites, and the people, and the 70 singers, and the door-keepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, even all Israel in their cities.

CHAP. III.—And when the seventh month was come, 1 and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then 2 stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

And they fixed the altar upon its bases ; for fear was upon 3 them because of the people of those countries ; and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto Jehovah, burnt-offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, 4 as it is written, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required ; and afterwards *offered* the continual burnt-offering, both of 5 the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Jehovah that were kept holy, and of every one that presented a freewill-

- 6 offering unto Jehovah. From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt-offerings unto Jehovah. But the foundation of the temple of Jehovah was not *yet* laid.
- 7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters ; and meat, and drink, and oil, to the Zidonians, and to the Tyrians, to bring cedar wood from Lebanon to the sea at Joppa, according to the permission that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.
- 8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem ; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to
- 9 superintend the work of the house of Jehovah. Then stood Jeshua, his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to superintend the workmen in the house of God ; *as did* the sons of Henadad, their sons, and their brethren the Levites.
- 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Jehovah, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise
- 11 Jehovah, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks unto Jehovah, that he is good, that his mercy *endureth* for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised Jehovah, because the foundation of the
- 12 house of Jehovah was laid. And many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers, aged men, who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice ; and many shouted
- 13 aloud for joy : so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people ; for the people shouted with a great shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

1 CHAP. IV.—Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building the temple unto Jehovah God of Israel, then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of the fathers, and said unto them, “ Let us build with you ; for we seek your God, as ye do ; and we have sacrificed unto him since the days of Esar-

3 haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up hither.” But

Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, "Ye cannot join with us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto Jehovah God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us."

Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the 4 people of Judah, and terrified them in building, and hired 5 advocates against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his 6 reign, they wrote *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. And in the days of Artaxerxes 7 wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in Aramaic *characters* and translated into the Aramaic tongue. Rehum the chancellor and Shim- 8 shai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this form: then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and 9 Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites, and the rest of the peoples whom 10 the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and settled in the city of Samaria, and the rest on this side the river, and so forth.

This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* 11 unto Artaxerxes the king; "Thy servants the men on this side the river, and so forth. Be it known unto the king, that the 12 Jews who came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and wicked city, and they are completing the walls *thereof*, and repairing the foundations. Be 13 it known now unto the king, that if this city be built, and the walls completed, they will not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and in the end thou wilt bring loss upon the kings. Now inas- 14 much as we have maintenance from the palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's damage, therefore have we sent and informed the king; that search may be made in the book 15 of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and one that bringeth loss upon kings and provinces, and that they have wrought sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city destroyed. We inform the king, 16

that, if this city be built, and the walls thereof completed, by this means thou wilt have no portion on this side the river."

17 Then the king sent an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions that dwelt in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the
18 river; "Peace, and so forth. The letter which ye sent unto
19 us hath been plainly read before me. And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that
20 rebellion and sedition have been wrought therein. There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and
21 custom, were paid unto them. Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not
22 built until the commandment shall be given from me. Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should the mischief grow to bring loss upon the kings?"

23 Now when the copy of the letter of Artaxerxes the king, was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the
24 Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

1 CHAP. V.—Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of
2 Israel. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God helping them.

3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, "Who hath commanded you to
4 build this house, and to complete this wall?" Then we told them, in like manner, what were the names of the men
5 who were building this building. But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius; and then they returned answer by letter concerning this.

6 The copy of the letter which Tatnai, governor on this side

the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who were on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: they sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; "Unto Darius the king, all peace. Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God; and it is being built with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. Then we asked those elders, and said unto them thus, 'Who commanded you to build this house, and to complete these walls?' We asked their names also, to inform thee, that we might write the names of the men that are the chief of them. And thus they returned us answer, saying, 'We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and rebuild the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and completed. But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldee, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God. And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple which was at Jerusalem, and brought into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one* named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; and he said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple which is at Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in its place. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.' Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure-house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made by Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this."

CHAP. VI.—Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the writings, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace which is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

- 3 "In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made
a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem, 'Let the
house be built where they offered sacrifices, and the founda-
4 tions thereof laid; the height thereof sixty cubits, and the
breadth thereof sixty cubits; *with* three layers of great
5 stones, and a layer of new timber; and let the expenses
be given out of the king's house: and also let the golden and
silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar
took out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought
unto Babylon, be restored, and go unto the temple which is
at Jerusalem, *every one* to its place, and lay them up in the
6 house of God.' Now *therefore*, Tatnai governor beyond the
river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites,
7 which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: let the
work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the
Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in
8 its place. Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the
elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God:
that of the king's goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the river,
forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not
9 hindered. And that which they have need of, both young
bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the
God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the
appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be
10 given them day by day without fail: that they may offer ac-
ceptable sacrifices unto the God of heaven, and pray for the
11 life of the king, and of his sons. I have also made a decree,
that whosoever shall alter this command, let timber be pulled
down from his house, and being set up, let him be fastened
12 thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. And
the God who hath caused his name to dwell there overthrow
all kings and people, that shall put forth their hand to alter
and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I
Darius have made a decree; let it be done forthwith."
- 13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-
boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius
the king had sent, so they did forthwith.
- 14 And the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered
through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zecha-
riah the son of Iddo. And they built, and completed it,
according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and
according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes,
15 kings of Persia. And this house was finished on the third

day of the month Adar, which was *in* the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, 16 and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, and offered at the dedi- 17 cation of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. And they set the priests in their divisions, 18 and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon 19 the fourteenth day of the first month. For the priests and 20 the Levites purified themselves as one *man*; all of them were pure; and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the children of Israel, who were come 21 back out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the uncleanness of the heathen of the land, to seek Jehovah God of Israel, did eat, and kept the 22 feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for Jehovah had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAP. VII.—Now after these things, in the reign of 1 Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Shallum, the son 2 of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, the son of Amariah, the son of 3 Azariah, the son of Meraioth, the son of Zerariah, the son 4 of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, the son of Abishua, the son of 5 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest; this Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready 6 scribe in the law of Moses, which Jehovah God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Jehovah his God upon him. And there went 7 up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the door-keepers, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in 8 the seventh year of the king. For upon the first day of the 9 first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the

o good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of Jehovah, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

11 Now this is the copy of the letter which the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commandments of Jehovah, and of his statutes to Israel :

12 “Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven perfectly learned, and so
13 forth. I have made a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and their priests and Levites, in my realm, who offer themselves willingly to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.
14 Forasmuch as thou art sent by the king, and his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according
15 to the law of thy God which is in thy hand ; and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all
16 the province of Babylon, with the freewill-offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of
17 their God which is in Jerusalem : that thou mayest forthwith buy with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal-offerings and their drink-offerings, and present them upon the
18 altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. And whatsoever shall seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do after the
19 will of your God. The vessels also which are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, deliver thou before
20 God at Jerusalem. And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which it shall occur to thee to bestow, bestow it out of the king’s treasure-house. And I,
21 I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river; that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall
22 require of you, it be done forthwith, unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt
23 at will. Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be carefully done for the house of the God of heaven ; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king
24 and his sons ? We also make known to you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, door-keepers, Nethinim, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be

lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. And 25
 thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, which is in thy hand,
 appoint magistrates and judges, who may judge all the
 people that are beyond the river, all such as know the
 laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.
 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law 26
 of the king, let judgment be executed forthwith upon him,
 whether it be unto death or to banishment, or to confiscation
 of goods, or to imprisonment."

Blessed be Jehovah God of our fathers, who hath put this 27
 into the king's heart, to beautify the house of Jehovah which
 is in Jerusalem; and hath extended mercy unto me before 28
 the king and his counsellors, and before all the king's
 mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of
 Jehovah my God was upon me, and I gathered together out
 of Israel chief men to go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.—And these are the heads of their fathers, with 1
 the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon,
 in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. Of the sons of Phine- 2
 has, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons
 of David, Hattush. Of the sons of Shechaniah (of the sons 3
 of Pharosh), Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by
 genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. Of the sons of 4
 Pahath-moab, Elihoenai the son of Zeraiah, and with him
 two hundred males. Of the sons of Shechaniah, the son of 5
 Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. And of the 6
 sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty
 males. And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Atha- 7
 liah, and with him seventy males. And of the sons of 8
 Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him
 eighty males. Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of 9
 Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. And 10
 of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah, and with him
 a hundred and sixty males. And of the sons of Bebai, 11
 Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight
 males. And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of 12
 Hakkatan, and with him a hundred and ten males. And of 13
 the last sons of Adonikam, whose names are these, Eliphelet,
 Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them sixty males. And of 14
 the sons of Bigvai, Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy
 males.

And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to 15

Ahava; and we encamped there in tents three days : and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the
 16 sons of Levi. Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men ;
 17 also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, discerning men. And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.
 18 And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel ; and Sherebiah with his sons and his
 19 brethren, eighteen ; and Hasabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of 20 the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty ; also of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim : all of them were distinguished by name.

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.
 22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the way : be-
 23 cause we had spoken unto the king, saying, “The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him ; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.”
 23 So we fasted and besought our God for this ; and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests,
 25 Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his princes,
 26 and all Israel *there* present had offered ; and I weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents, and of gold a hundred
 27 talents ; also twenty basons of gold, worth a thousand daries ;
 28 and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold. And I said unto them, “Ye are holy unto Jehovah ; the vessels are holy also ; and the silver and the gold are a freewill-offering unto
 29 Jehovah God of your fathers. Be watchful, and guard them, until ye weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and chiefs of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem,

in the chambers of the house of Jehovah." So the priests 30 and the Levites took the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth 31 day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. And 32 we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. Now on 33 the fourth day we weighed the silver and the gold and the vessels in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them were Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levites; every- 34 thing by number and by weight; and all the weight was written at that time.

Then the children of them that had been carried away, 35 who were come out of the captivity, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin-offering; all as a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. And they 36 delivered the king's commands unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river; and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.—Now when these things were done, the chief 1 men came to me, saying, "The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations,—the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amor- 2 ites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of the lands; yea, the hand of the chief men and rulers hath been first in this transgression." And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment 3 and my mantle, and plucked hair from my head and my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled unto 4 me every one that revered the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my affliction; 5 and with my garment and my mantle rent, I fell upon my

6 knees, and spread out my hands unto Jehovah my God, and said,

“O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our
7 head, and our guilt is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in great guilt unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to spoiling, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space
8 grace hath been showed from Jehovah, our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us an abode in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little re-
9 viving in our bondage. For bondmen we were; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in
10 Jerusalem. And now, O our God, what shall we say after
11 this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, ‘The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is a land of impurity, through the impurity of the peoples of the land, with their abominations, who have filled it from one end to another
12 with their uncleanness. Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever; that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it
13 for an inheritance to your children for ever.’ And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as
14 this; should we again break thy commandments, and join in marriage with the people of these abominations? Wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so
15 that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping? O Jehovah God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we yet remain escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our guilt; for we cannot stand before thee because of this.”

1 CHAP. X.—Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there gathered together unto him out of Israel

a very great congregation of men and women and children; for the people wept very much. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, "We have transgressed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God, to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Arise; for *this matter belongeth* unto thee; we also *will be* with thee; be of good courage, and do it."

Then arose Ezra, and made the chief of the priests, of the Levites, and of all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. And they swore. Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and he came thither; he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; and that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the chief men and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of them that had been carried away.

Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the open space of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the heavy rain. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, "Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the guilt of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto Jehovah God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives."

Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, "As thou hast said, so must we do. But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for we are many who have offended in this thing. Let now our chief men of all the congregation stand, and let all those

who have taken strange wives in our cities come at stated times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us." Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah stood up against this; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. But the children of the captivity did so.

And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives; of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their guilt. And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziel. And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasa. Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the door-keepers; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malehiah, Shemaiah, Sheamoon, Benjamin, Malluch, Shemaiah. Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel, Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, Mach-

nadebai, Shashai, Sharai, Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, ⁴¹
Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, ⁴³
Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah. All ⁴⁴
these had taken strange wives; and some of them had wives
by whom they had children.

NEHEMIAH.

1 CHAP. I.—The words of Nchemiah the son of Hachaliah.

And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the
2 twentieth year, as I was in Shusan the palace, that Hanani,
one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and
I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, who
3 were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And
they said unto me, “The remnant that are left of the captivity
there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the
wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof
are burned with fire.”

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat
down and wept, and mourned *some* days, and fasted, and
5 prayed before the God of heaven, and said, “I beseech thee,
O Jehovah God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that
keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and keep
6 his commandments; let thine ear now be attentive, and thine
eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant,
which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children
of Israel thy servants, and *while* I confess the sins of the
children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee; *which*
7 both I and my father’s house have sinned. We have dealt
very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the command-
ments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou com-
8 mandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee,
the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying,
‘If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:
9 but *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do
them; though they were of you cast out unto the uttermost
part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will
bring them unto the place that I have chosen, to let my name

dwell there.” Now these are thy servants and thy people, 10
 whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy
 strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be 11
 attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of
 thy servants, who desire to fear thy name ; and prosper, I pray
 thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight
 of this man.”

Now I was the king's cupbearer :

CHAP. II.—And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in 1
 the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was be-
 fore him ; and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king.
 Now I had not *before* been sad in his presence. Wherefore 2
 the king said unto me, “ Why is thy countenance sad, seeing
 thou art not sick ? this is nothing but sorrow of heart.”
 Then I was very sore afraid, and said unto the king, “ Let 3
 the king live for ever : why should not my countenance be
 sad, when the city, the place of my father's sepulchres, *lieth*
 waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire ? ”

Then the king said unto me, “ For what dost thou make 4
 request ? ” So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said 5
 unto the king, “ If it please the king, and if thy servant have
 found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto
 Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may
 build it.”

And the king said unto me (the queen also sitting by 6
 him), “ For how long shall thy journey be ? and when wilt
 thou return ? ” So it pleased the king to send me ; and I pro-
 posed to him a time. Moreover I said unto the king, “ If it 7
 please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond
 the river, that they may allow me to pass till I come into Judah ;
 and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that 8
 he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the
 palace which is by the temple, and for the wall of the city,
 and for the house that I shall enter into.” And the king
 granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave 9
 them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of
 the army and horsemen with me. When Sanballat the Ho- 10
 ronite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it
 grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek
 the welfare of the children of Israel.

So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. And 11

12 I arose in the night, I and a few men with me ; neither told I
 any man what my God had put into my heart to do for Jeru-
 salem ; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast
 13 that I rode upon. And I went out by night by the gate of
 the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung gate,
 and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down,
 14 and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. Then I went
 on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool ; but
 there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.
 15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the
 wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley,
 and returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did ;
 neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests,
 nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did
 17 the work. Then said I unto them, "Ye see the distress that
 we are in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof
 are burned with fire ; come, and let us build up the wall of
 18 Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach." Then I told
 them of the hand of my God which was good upon me ; as
 also the king's words which he had spoken unto me. And
 they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened
 their hands for *this* good *work*.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant,
 the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed
 us to scorn, and despised us, and said, "What is this thing
 20 that ye do ? Will ye rebel against the king ?" Then an-
 swered I them, and said unto them, "The God of heaven, he
 will prosper us ; therefore we his servants will arise and build :
 but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem."

1 CHAP. III.—Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with
 his brethren the priests, and they built the sheep gate ; they
 sanctified it, and set up the doors of it ; even unto the tower
 of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.
 2 And next unto him built the men of Jericho. And next to
 them built Zaccur the son of Imri.

3 But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build ; they
 laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks
 4 thereof, and the bars thereof. And next unto them repaired
 Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next
 unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son
 of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the

son of Baana. And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; ⁵ but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Pasea, ⁶ and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. And next unto them repaired Melatiah ⁷ the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the tribunal of the governor on this side the river. Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Har- ⁸ haiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of *one of* the perfume-makers; but they had left Jerusalem standing unto the broad wall. And next ⁹ unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the chief of half the district of Jerusalem. And next unto them re- ¹⁰ paired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabnihah. Malehijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the ¹¹ son of Pahath-moab, repaired a second portion, and the tower of the furnaces. And the next unto him repaired Shallum ¹² the son of Halohesh, the chief of the *other* half of the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of ¹³ Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.

But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, ¹⁴ the chief of the district of Beth-haccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and bars thereof.

But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the son of ¹⁵ Col-hozeh, the chief of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. After him repaired Nehemiah the son of ¹⁶ Azbuk, the chief of half of the district of Beth-zur, unto a *place* over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the warriors. And ¹⁷ after him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the chief of half of the district of Keilah, for his district. After him repaired their ¹⁸ brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the chief of half of the district of Keilah. And next to him repaired Ezer the son ¹⁹

of Jeshua, the chief of Mizpah, a second portion over against the ascent to the armoury at the turning *of the wall*.
 20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai zealously repaired a second portion, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of
 21 the house of Eliashib the high priest. After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, a second portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib, even to the
 22 end of the house of Eliashib. And after him repaired the 23 priests, the men of the plain. After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by
 24 his house. After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad a second portion, from the house of Azariah unto the turning
 25 *of the wall*, even unto the corner. Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning *of the wall*, and the tower which standeth out from the king's upper house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.
 26 Moreover the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, unto a *place* over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that standeth out.
 27 After them the Tekoites repaired a second portion, over against the great tower that standeth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.
 28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one
 29 over against his house. After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.
 30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, a second portion. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his
 31 chamber. After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the upper chamber of the
 32 corner. And between the upper chamber of the corner and the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

1 CHAP. IV.—But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was wroth, and greatly
 2 vexed: and he mocked the Jews, and spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, “What do these feeble Jews? will they be allowed? will they sacrifice? will they now make an end? will they revive the stones out of the heaps
 3 of rubbish which are burned?” Now Tobiah the Ammonite

was by him, and he said, "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall."

Hear, O our God; for we are despised; and turn back 4 their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity; and cover not their iniquity, and let 5 not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.

So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together 6 unto the half thereof: for the people had a heart to work.

But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and 7 the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, and conspired all of them together to come and to fight 8 against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. Nevertheless we made 9 our prayer unto our God, and set a guard against them day and night, because of them. Then Judah said, "The strength 10 of the bearers of burdens faileth, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall." And our adver- 11 saries said, "They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease."

And it came to pass, that when the Jews who dwelt by 12 them came, and told *this* unto us ten times, from all places whence they returned unto us, then I set in the lower places 13 behind the wall, and on the higher places, I set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, 14 and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, "Be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord, the great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was 15 known unto us, that God brought their counsel to nought, and we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. And it came to pass from that time forth, that the 16 half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the corslets; and the chief men were behind all the house of Judah. They that built on the wall, and they that bare 17 burdens, with those that laded, *each* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and *with* the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, 18

as he built; and he that sounded the trumpet was by me.
 19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest
 of the people, "The work is great and large, and we are
 20 separated upon the wall, one far from another; in what place
 ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto
 us: our God shall fight for us."
 21 So we laboured in the work; and half of them held the
 spears, from the rising of the morning till the stars came
 22 forth. Likewise at the same time I said unto the people,
 "Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that
 in the night they may be a guard to us, and work by day."
 23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men
 of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our
 clothes; every one *went with his weapon for water.*

1 CHAP. V.—And there was a great cry of the people and
 2 of their wives against their brethren the Jews. For there
 were some that said, "We, our sons, and our daughters, are
 many; therefore let us get corn *for them*, that we may eat, and
 3 live." Some also there were that said, "We have mortgaged
 our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we may get corn,
 4 because of the dearth." There were also that said, "We
 have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *upon* our lands
 5 and vineyards. And now our flesh is as the flesh of our
 brethren, our children as their children: but, lo, we bring
 into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and
 some of our daughters are brought unto bondage *already*:
 neither is it in our power *to redeem them*; for other men have
 our lands and vineyards."

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these
 7 words. Then I considered within myself, and I rebuked the
 nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, "Ye exact usury,
 every one of his brother." And I appointed a great assem-
 8 bly concerning them. And I said unto them, "We after our
 ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, who were sold
 unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or
 shall they be sold unto us?" Then they held their peace,
 9 and found no answer. I also said, "That which ye do is not
 good: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because
 10 of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? I likewise, and
 my brethren, and my servants, have lent them money and
 11 corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury. Restore, I
 pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards,

their oliveyards, and their houses, also the interest of money, and corn, wine, and oil, which ye exact of them."

Then said they, "We will restore them, and will require ¹² nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest." Then I called the priests, and made them take an oath to do according to this promise. I also shook my lap, and said, "So ¹³ may God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the congregation said, "Amen," and praised Jchovah. And the people did according to this promise.

Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their ¹⁴ governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread due to me as governor. But the former governors who had been ¹⁵ before me had oppressed the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God. Moreover, also, I continued in ¹⁶ the work of this wall, neither bought we any land; and all my servants were gathered together there upon the work. And there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the ¹⁷ Jews and rulers, beside those who came unto us from among the heathen that were about us. Now that which was pre- ¹⁸ pared *for me* daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine; and with *all* this I required not the bread due to me as governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

Remember me, my God, for good *in* all that I have done ¹⁹ for this people.

CHAP. VI.—Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and ¹ Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left therein (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates), that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, ² saying, "Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me evil. And I ³ sent messengers unto them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" Yet they ⁴

sent unto me four times after this manner; and I answered them after the same manner.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant unto me in like manner
6 the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand; wherein was written: "It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. And thou hast also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning thee at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah:' and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, "There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own
9 heart." For they *would* all make us afraid, saying, "Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done." Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

10 Then I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to slay thee; even to-night will they come to slay thee."
11 And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to save his life?
12 I will not go in." And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him: but that he spoke the prophecy concerning me,
13 because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, remember thou Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, who would have put me in fear.

15 So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth *day of the month*
16 Elul, in fifty-two days. And it came to pass, when all our enemies heard *thereof*, that all the heathen that were about us were afraid, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for they knew that this work was wrought of our God.

17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto
18 them. For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam

the son of Berechiah. They also spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

CHAP. VII.—Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the door-keepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed, that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah, the chief of the palace, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. And I said unto them, “Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one over against his house.”

Now the city was spacious and great; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not built. And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who came up at the first; and I found *thus* written therein:

“These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of them that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and *who* came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azaria, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:—The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred and seventy-two. The children of Shephatiah, three hundred and seventy-two. The children of Arah, six hundred and fifty-two. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and eighteen. The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. The children of Zattu, eight hundred and forty-five. The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. The children of Binnui, six hundred and forty-eight. The children of Bebai, six hundred and twenty-eight. The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred and twenty-two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred and sixty-seven. The children of Bigvai, two thousand and sixty-seven. The children of Adin, six hundred and fifty-five. The children of Ater of the family of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. The

23 children of Hashum, three hundred and twenty-eight. The
 24 children of Bezai, three hundred and twenty-four. The
 25 children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve. The children of
 26 Gibeon, ninety-five. The men of Beth-lehem and Nctophah,
 27 a hundred and eighty-eight. The men of Anathoth, a
 28 hundred and twenty-eight. The men of Bethazmaveth,
 29 forty-two. The men of Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and
 30 Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-three. The men of Ramah
 31 and Gaba, six hundred and twenty-one. The men of Mich-
 32 mas, a hundred and twenty-two. The men of Beth-el and
 33 Ai, a hundred and twenty-three. The men of the other
 34 Nebo, fifty-two. The children of the other Elam, a thousand
 35 two hundred and fifty-four. The children of Harim, three
 36 hundred and twenty. The children of Jericho, three hundred
 37 and forty-five. The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven
 38 hundred and twenty-one. The children of Senaah, three
 thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of
 40 Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three. The children of
 41 Immer, a thousand and fifty-two. The children of Pashur, a
 42 thousand two hundred and forty-seven. The children of
 Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of *the family of*
 Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy-four.

44 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred and forty-
 eight.

45 The door-keepers: the children of Shallum, the children
 of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the
 children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred and
 thirty-eight.

46 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Ha-
 47 shupha, the children of Tabbaoth, the children of Keros, the
 48 children of Sia, the children of Padon, the children of Lebana,
 49 the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal, the children
 50 of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the
 children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of
 51 Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the
 52 children of Phaseah, the children of Besai, the children of
 53 Meunim, the children of Nephishesim, the children of Bak-
 54 buk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, the
 children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of
 55 Harsha, the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the
 56 children of Tamah, the children of Neziah, the children of

Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants: the children 57 of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children 58 of Giddel, the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, 59 the children of Pochereth Hazzebaim, the children of Amon. All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, 60 were three hundred and ninety-two.

And these are they who went up from Tel-melah, Tel- 61 haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their father's house, nor their descent, whether they were of Israel: the children of Delaiah, the children of To- 62 biah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred and forty-two.

And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children 63 of Hakoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. These sought their genealogical register, but it was 64 not found; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. And the deputy said unto them that they should 65 not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand 66 three hundred and sixty, beside their man-servants and 67 their maid-servants; these were seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and among them *were* two hundred and forty-five singing men and singing women. Their horses 68 were seven hundred and thirty-six; their mules, two hundred and forty-five; *their* camels, four hundred and thirty-five; 69 asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

And some of the heads of the fathers gave unto the work. 70 The deputy gave to the treasure a thousand darics of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. And 71 some of the heads of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand and two hundred manehs of silver. And that which the rest of 72 the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand manehs of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments.

So the priests, and the Levites, and the door-keepers, and 73 the singers, and the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

And when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities. CHAP. VIII.—And all the people 1 gathered themselves together as one man into the open space

that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Jehovah had enjoined upon Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the open space that was before the water gate, from the morning until mid-day, in presence of the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a stage of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up; and Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebia, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place. So they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the deputy, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, "This day is holy unto Jehovah your God; mourn not, nor weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said unto them, "Go your way, eat of the fat, and drink of the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of Jehovah is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved." And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to rejoice greatly, because they had understood the words that were made known to them.

And on the second day were gathered together the heads of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites,

unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. And they found written in the law which Jehovah had 14 commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths at the feast of the seventh month; and that 15 they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of trees of thick foliage, to make booths, as it is written." So the people went forth, 16 and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the open space of the water gate, and in the open space of the gate of Ephraim. And all the congregation of them that were returned out of 17 the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great rejoicing. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last 18 day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was an assembly, according to the custom.

CHAP. IX.—Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month 1 the children of Israel assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed 2 their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. And they 3 stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshipped Jehovah their God. Then stood up upon the ascent, of the Levites, Jeshua, and 4 Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto Jehovah their God.

Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, 5 Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said,

"Stand up and bless Jehovah your God for ever and ever; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, *even* thou, art Jehovah alone; 6 thou hast made the heavens, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all that is therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Thou, *even* thou art Jehovah, 7

the God who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it to his seed, and hast performed thy words, for thou art righteous: and thou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; and gavest signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou make thee a name, as it is this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers thou didst cast into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

“Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments; and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and didst enjoin on them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by the hand of Moses thy servant; and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

“But they, even our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, but refused to hearken, neither remembered thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a leader to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, ‘This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt,’ and had wrought great provocations; yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

“Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and

withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years didst thou 21 sustain them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. Moreover 22 thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, and didst distribute them: and they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, 23 and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. So the children went in and possessed the land, 24 and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. And they took fortified cities, and 25 a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good *things*, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance; so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

“Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against 26 thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets who testified against them to bring them back to thee, and they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou deli- 27 veredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them; and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. But after they had rest, they did 28 evil again before thee; therefore didst thou leave them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: and when they again cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven: and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; and testifiedst against them, that thou 29 mightest bring them back unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, which a man shall do that he may live by them; and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not. Yet many years didst thou forbear towards 30 them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit, by thy prophets: but they would not give ear; therefore thou gavest them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless in thy 31 great mercies thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

32 "Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our chief men, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the
33 days of the kings of Assyria unto this day. Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast dealt
34 faithfully, but we have done wickedly: neither have our kings, our chief men, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law nor attended to thy commandments and thy testimonies,
35 wherewith thou didst testify against them. For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou shewedst them, and in the large and fat land which thou didst set before them, neither turned they from their wicked
36 works. Behold, we are servants this day, and the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the
37 good thereof, behold, we are servants in it; and it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins; and they rule over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress."

38 And because of all this we made a sure *covenant*, and wrote it; and our princes, Levites, *and* priests, set seal *unto it*.

1 CHAP. X.—Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the
2 deputy, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, Seraiah, Azariah,
4 Jeremiah, Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah, Hattush, Shebaniah,
6 Mallueh, Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, Daniel, Ginnethon,
8 Baruch, Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, Maaziah, Bilgai, She-
maiah: these were the priests.

9 And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of
10 the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; and their brethren, She-
11 baniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, Micha, Rehob,
13 Hashabiah, Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Bani,
Beninu.

14 The heads of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam,
16 Zaththu, Bani, Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
19 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, Hariph,
21 Anathoth, Nebai, Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, Meshezabeel,
23 Zadok, Jaddua, Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, Hoshea, Hananiah,
25 Hashub, Hallohesh, Pilcha, Shobek, Rehum, Hashabnah,
27 Maaseiah, and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, Malluch, Harim, Baa-
nah.

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the

door-keepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the land unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding, clave to 29 their brethren *and* their nobles, and entered into an oath of imprecation to walk in God's law, which was given by the hand of Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; and that we would not give our daughters 30 unto the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; and *if* the peoples of the land bring wares or any kind of 31 corn on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not take it from them on the sabbath, or on the holy day; and that we would release the seventh year, and every debt.

We also made ordinances for ourselves, to charge ourselves 32 yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; for the shewbread, and the continual meal- 33 offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

And we cast lots *among* the priests, the Levites, and the 34 people, for the wood-offering, to bring it to the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of Jehovah our God, as it is written in the law: and to bring the first-fruits 35 of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year unto the house of Jehovah: also the first-born 36 of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: and that we should bring the first-fruits of our 37 barley, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. And the priest the son of Aaron shall 38 be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers in the treasure house. For the 39 children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and

the priests that minister, and the door-keepers and the singers; and we will not forsake the house of our God.

1 CHAP. XI.—And the chiefs of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in
2 other cities. And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 Now these are the heads of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, the Israelites, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of
4 Solomon's servants. And at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin.

Of the children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amaria, the son of Shephatiah, the
5 son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez; and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the son of Azaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son
6 of Shiloni. All the children of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

7 And these are the children of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of
8 Jesaiah. And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred and
9 twenty-eight. And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.
11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the super-
12 intendent of the house of God. And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-
two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur,
13 the son of Malchiah, and his brethren, heads of the fathers, two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai, the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of
14 Immer, and their brethren, mighty men of valour, a hundred and twenty-eight; and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Gedolim.

15 And of the Levites: Shemaiah, the son of Hashub, the
16 son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, were

over the outward business of the house of God. And Mat- 17
 taniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph,
 was the head to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bak-
 bukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of
 Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. All 18
 the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-
 four.

Moreover the door-keepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their 19
 brethren that kept the gates, were a hundred and seventy-
 two.

And the rest of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, 20
 were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.
 But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa were 21
 over the Nethinim.

The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the 22
 son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah,
 the son of Micha. Of the children of Asaph, the singers
were for the business of the house of God. For it was the 23
 king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion
 should be for the singers, due for every day.

And Pethaiah the son of Meshezabbel, of the children of 24
 Zerah the son of Judah, represented the king in all matters
 concerning the people.

And in regard to the villages, with their fields, some of the 25
 children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and in the villages
 thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at
 Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof, and at Jeshua, and at 26
 Moladah, and at Beth-phelet, and at Hazarshual, and at 27
 Beer-sheba, and in the villages thereof, and at Ziklag, and 28
 at Meconah, and in the villages thereof, and at En-rimmon, 29
 and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth, Zanoah, Adullam, and in 30
 their villages, at Lachish and the fields thereof, at Azekah,
 and in the villages thereof. And they extended from Beer-
 sheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

The children also of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt in* Mich- 31
 mash, and Aijah, and Beth-el, and the villages thereof, *at* 32
 Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, Hadid, 34
 Zeboim, Neballat, Iod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. 35
 And of the Levites, divisions belonging to Judah *were given* 36
 to Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.—Now these are the priests and the Levites 1
 that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and

2 Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, Amariah, Malluch, Hat-
4 tush, Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, Iddo, Ginnetho,
6 Abijah, Miamim, Maadiah, Bilgah, Shemaiah, and Joiarib,
7 Jedaiah, Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These were the
heads of the priests and of their brethren in the days
of Jeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah,
Judah, and Mattaniah, *who* was over the thanksgiving, he and
9 his brethren. Also Bakbukiah, and Unni, their brethren, were
over against them in the watches.

10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, and Joiakim begat Eliashib,
11 and Eliashib begat Joiada, and Joiada begat Jonathan, and
Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the heads of the
13 fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; of
14 Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; of Melicu, Jona-
15 than; of Shebaniah, Joseph; of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth,
16 Helkai; of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; of
17 Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai; of Bilgah,
18 Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; and of Joiarib, Mat-
20 tenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
21 of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 *Of* the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Jo-
hanan, and Jaddua, were recorded heads of the fathers; also
23 the priests to the reign of Darius the Persian. The sons
of Levi, the heads of the fathers, were recorded in the book
of the Annals, even until the days of Johanan the son of
Eliashib.

24 And the heads of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and
Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against
them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the com-
mandment of David the man of God, guard opposite to guard.
25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon,
Akkub, were door-keepers keeping guard at the store-cham-
26 bers of the gates. These were in the days of Joiakim the
son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehe-
miah the governor, and of Ezra the priest and scribe.

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought
the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem,
to keep the dedication and rejoice, both with thanksgivings,
28 and with singing, *with* cymbals, lutes, and harps. And
the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both
out of the country round about Jerusalem, and from the

villages of Netophathi; also from the house of Gilgal, and 29 out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built themselves villages round about Jerusalem. And the 30 priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

Then I brought up the chief men of Judah upon the wall, 31 and appointed two great choirs and processions; *one went* on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: and 32 after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the chief men of Judah, and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, Judah and Ben- 34 jamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, and certain of the 35 priests' sons with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph: and 36 his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they 37 went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

And the other choir went in a contrary direction, and I 38 after them, with the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; and from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, 39 and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate; and they stood still by the prison gate.

So stood the two choirs by the house of God, and I, and 40 the half of the rulers with me; and the priests, Eliakim, 41 Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, Hananiah, with trumpets; and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, 42 and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loudly with Jezrahiah *their* overseer. And they offered on that day great sacrifices, and 43 rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced; so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

And on that day were men appointed over the store- 44 chambers, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the lawful portions for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced in the priests and in the Levites that waited. And 45

both the singers and the door-keepers kept the observance of their God, and the observance of the purification, according
 46 to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were heads of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.
 47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave portions for the singers and the door-keepers, every day its portion; and they set them apart for the Levites; and the Levites set them apart for the children of Aaron.

1 CHAP. XIII.—On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not
 2 come into the congregation of God for ever; because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the strangers.

4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, occupying a chamber
 5 of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah; and he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meal-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of corn, new wine, and oil, commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the door-keepers; and
 6 the offerings of the priests. But in all this *time* I was not at Jerusalem; for in the two-and-thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I came unto the king, and after certain days
 7 I obtained leave of the king: and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.
 8 And it grieved me sore; therefore I cast forth all the household goods of Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers; and I brought back thither the vessels of the house of God, with the meal-offerings and the frankincense.

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; and that the Levites and the singers, that
 11 did the work, were fled every one to his field. Then contended I with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together, and set
 12 them in their place. Then all Judah brought the tithe of

corn and new wine and oil unto the store-houses. And I¹³ placed over the store-houses Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were accounted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

Remember me, O my God, for this, and blot not out my¹⁴ zealous deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the observances thereof.

In those days I saw in Judah *men* treading wine presses¹⁵ on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and every *kind of* burden, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought fish,¹⁶ and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended¹⁷ with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, "What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did¹⁸ not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath."

And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem¹⁹ began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut; and I commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and I set some of my servants at the gates, that no burden should come in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of²⁰ ware lodged without Jerusalem once and again. Then I testified²¹ against them, and said unto them, "Why lodge ye before the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time forth they came not on the sabbath.

And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse²² themselves, and that they should come *and* guard the gates, to keep holy the sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, *for* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

In those days also I saw Jews that had married wives of²³ Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: and half of their chil-²⁴ dren spake in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. And I contended with them, and cursed them, and²⁵ smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made

them swear by God, *saying*, “Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto
26 your sons, or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? although among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel; nevertheless even him
27 did strange women cause to sin. Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God by marrying strange wives?”

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I chased him from me. Remember them, O my God,
29 because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

30 Thus I cleansed them from all strangers, and appointed the observances of the priests and the Levites, every one in
31 his work; and *provided* for the wood-offering, at stated times, and for the first-fruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

ESTHER.

CHAP. I.—Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces; that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace, in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants, the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces *being* before him; when he shewed the riches of his glorious empire and the magnificence of his greatness many days, *even* a hundred and eighty days.

And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's house; *where were hangings of* white and purple linen and cotton, fastened with cords of fine linen and crimson to silver rings and pillars of white marble: the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of green, and white, and pearl-coloured, and black marble. And they gave them drink in vessels of gold (the vessels being diverse from one another), and royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that ministered in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty; for

12 she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains; therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, (for so was the king's business *done* in the presence of all
14 that knew law and judgment; and the nearest unto him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marcena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat the first in the kingdom,)
15 "What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?"

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes:
"Not to the king only hath Vashti the queen done wrong, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are
17 in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. For *this* deed of the queen will go forth unto all women, so that they will despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, 'The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to
18 be brought in before him, but she came not.' And this day shall the ladies of Persia and Media, who have heard of the deed of the queen, say *likewise* unto all the king's princes.
19 Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath. If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal
20 dignity unto another that is better than she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire (for it is great), all the wives shall give honour to their husbands, both to great and small."

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the
22 king did according to the saying of Memucan; for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house; and *that each governor* should publish *this* according to the language of his people.

1 CHAP. II.—After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what
2 she had done, and what was decreed concerning her. Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, "Let

there be fair young virgins sought for the king ; and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, to the custody of Hege, the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women ; and let their purifying perfumes be given them : and let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti." And the thing pleased the king ; and he did so.

In Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite ; who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. And he had brought up Hadasah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother : and the maiden was beautiful in form and countenance ; and when her father and mother were dead Mordecai took her for his own daughter.

So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him ; and he hastened to give her her purifying perfumes, and her portions of food, and seven maidens selected out of the king's house : and he transferred her and her maidens into the best part of the house of the women. Esther had not declared her people nor her kindred ; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not declare it. And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

Now when every maiden's turn was come to go in to the king, after that she had been twelve months, according to the custom of the women, (for thus were the days of their purifications accomplished,—six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet spices, and with other purifying perfumes of women,) then thus came the maiden unto the king ; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, who kept the concubines : she

came in unto the king no more, unless the king delighted in her, and she were called by name.

15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all
16 that looked upon her. So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the
17 month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained favour and kindness in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her
18 queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *as* the feast of Esther; and he made a remission *of tribute* to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the bounty of the king.

19 And when virgins were gathered together a second time,
20 then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. Esther had not declared her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, as when she was in his care.

21 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on
22 the king Ahasuerus. And the matter became known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther related
23 it to the king in Mordecai's name. And when the matter was inquired into, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the Book of the Annals before the king.

1 CHAP. III.—After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that
2 were with him. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and did reverence to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai
3 bowed not, nor did him reverence. Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, "Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?"

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him,

and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether the words of Mordecai would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. And when Haman saw that 5 Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai 6 alone; for they had told him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth 7 year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth *month*, that is, the month Adar. And Haman 8 said unto king Ahasuerus: "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from *those of* every people; neither do they obey the king's laws: therefore it is not meet for the king to suffer them. If it 9 please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that do the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries." And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave 10 it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the adversary of the Jews. And the king said unto Haman: "The 11 silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee."

Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day 12 of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman commanded, unto the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the princes of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people according to their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring. And the letters were sent by the 13 runners into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey. A copy of the writing 14 to be given for a decree in every province, was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. The runners went forth, being urged on by the king's com- 15

mandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink ; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

1 CHAP. IV.—When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his garments, and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a
2 loud and bitter cry ; and came even before the king's gate : for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sack-
3 cloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing ; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 And Esther's maidens and her chamberlains came and told her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved ; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth
5 from him ; but he received it not. Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a charge to Mor-
6 decai, to know what it was, and why it was. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the open space of the city, which was
7 before the king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the
8 Jews, to destroy them. He also gave him a copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew unto Esther, and to inform her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.
10 And Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him charge unto
11 Mordecai, *saying* : " All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put him to death, except any one to whom the king shall hold out the golden seceptre, that he may live ; but I have not been called
12 to come in unto the king these thirty days." And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther : " Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house,
14 more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy

peace at this time, *then* shall relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom *even* for such a time as this?" Then Esther ¹⁵ bade them answer Mordecai, *saying*: "Go, gather together all ¹⁶ the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish." So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all ¹⁷ that Esther had commanded him.

CHAP. V.—And it came to pass on the third day, that ¹ Esther put on *her* royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, in front of the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, opposite to the door of the house. And it came to pass, when the ² king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king unto ³ her: "What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom." And Esther answered: "If *it seem* good unto the ⁴ king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him." Then the king said: ⁵ "Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said." So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine: ⁶ "What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed." Then answered Esther and said: "My ⁷ petition and my request is *this*: If I have found favour ⁸ in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said."

Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad ⁹ heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman restrained ¹⁰ himself: and when he came home, he sent and caused his

11 friends, and Zeresh his wife, to come *to him*. And Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and
12 servants of the king. Haman said moreover: "Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow
13 am I invited unto her also with the king. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting
14 at the king's gate." Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him: "Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to-morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in joyfully with the king unto the banquet." And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

1 CHAP. VI.—On that night the king could not sleep, and he commanded to bring the Book of the records of daily affairs;
2 and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those who guarded the door, who sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus.
3 And the king said: "What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this?" Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him: "There hath nothing been done
4 for him." And the king said: "Who is in the court?" Now Haman was come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the
5 gallows that he had prepared for him. And the king's servants said unto him: "Behold, Haman standeth in the court." And the king said: "Let him come in."
6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him: "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour?" Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?
7 And Haman answered the king, "*For* the man whom the
8 king delighteth to honour, let the royal apparel be brought which the king weareth, and the horse that the king rideth
9 upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head; and let the apparel and the horse be delivered to one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback into the open space of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus

shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour."

Then the king said to Haman: "Make haste and take the 10 apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast said."

Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed 11 Mordecai, and brought him on horseback into the open space of the city, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour."

And Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman 12 hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered. And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every 13 thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him: "If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou wilt not prevail against him, but wilt surely fall before him."

And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's 14 chamberlains, and brought Haman hastily unto the banquet which Esther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.—So the king and Haman came to banquet 1 with Esther the queen. And the king said again unto Esther 2 on the second day at the banquet of wine: "What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the 3 half of the kingdom." Then Esther the queen answered and 3 said: "If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request; for we are sold, I and my 4 people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the adversary could not compensate for the king's damage."

Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther 5 the queen, "Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?" And Esther said, "The adversary 6 and enemy is this wicked Haman."

Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. And the king rose up from the banquet of wine in his wrath, 7 *and went* into the palace garden; and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 And when the king returned out of the palace garden into the house of the banquet of wine, Haman was fallen upon the couch whereon Esther *sat*. Then said the king: "Will he also force the queen before me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's
9 face. And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king: "Behold also, the gallows, which Haman hath made for Mordecai, who spake for the good of the king, standeth in the house of Haman fifty cubits high." Then
10 the king said: "Hang him thereon." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

1 CHAP. VIII.—On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman, the adversary of the Jews, unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther
2 had told what he was unto her. And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the evil doing of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he
4 had devised against the Jews. Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood
5 before the king, and said: "If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing be right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews, which
6 are in all the king's provinces; for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"

7 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen, and to Mordecai the Jew: "Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gal-
8 lows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. Write ye also for the Jews, as it seemeth good to you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse."

9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the twenty-third

day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded, unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and princes of the provinces, which are from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people according to their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it ¹⁰ with the king's ring; and sent letters by runners on horseback, and riders on swift horses, and mules the offspring of mares; wherein the king granted the Jews which were in ¹¹ every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, little ones, and women, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey, upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, ¹² *namely*, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

A copy of the writing to be given for a decree in every ¹³ province, was published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. So the runners that rode upon swift horses, ¹⁴ and mules, went forth, being hastened and urged on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given in Shushan the palace.

And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in ¹⁵ royal apparel of purple and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and crimson: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. The Jews had light, and ¹⁶ gladness, and joy, and honour. And in every province, and ¹⁷ in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many of the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

CHAP. IX.—Now in the twelfth month, that is, the ¹ month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree were about to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had power over them that hated them,) the ² Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hands on them

that sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them;
3 for the fear of them fell upon all people. And all the princes
of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and
those who did the business of the king, helped the Jews;
4 because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai
was great in the king's house, and his fame went out
throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became
greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of
the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they
6 would unto those that hated them. And in Shushan the
7 palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. And
8 they slew Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, and Po-
9 ratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, and Parmashta, and Arisai,
10 and Aridai, and Vajezatha, the ten sons of Haman the son of
Hammedatha, the adversary of the Jews; but on the spoil
they laid not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shu-
12 shan the palace was brought before the king. And the king
said unto Esther the queen: "The Jews have slain and de-
stroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten
sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the
king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be
granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be
done."

13 Then said Esther: "If it please the king, let it be granted
to the Jews who are in Shushan to do to-morrow also ac-
cording to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be
14 hanged upon the gallows." And the king commanded it so
to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they
15 hanged Haman's ten sons. For the Jews that were in Shu-
shan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also
of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men in Shushan;
but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces
gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and
had rest from their enemies, and slew of them that hated
them seventy-five thousand, (but they laid not their hands
17 on the spoil,) on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and
on the fourteenth day of the same they rested, and made it
18 a day of feasting and gladness. But the Jews that were at
Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof,
and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of

the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. Therefore the Jews of the open country, that dwelt in 19 the country towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of gladness and feasting*, and a good day, and sent portions one to another.

And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto 20 all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, far and near, to establish *this* among them, that they 21 should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, as the days wherein the 22 Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned for them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. And the Jews undertook to do as they 23 had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them; because 24 Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to overthrow them, and to destroy them; but when *Esther* came before the king, he 25 commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. Wherefore they called these days Purim, after the name of 26 Pur. Wherefore, according to all the words of this letter, and what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had come unto them, the Jews established and undertook 27 for themselves, and for their seed, and for all such as joined themselves unto them, so that it should not fail, that they should keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their stated time, every year; and that these 28 days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the remembrance of them perish from their seed.

Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and 29 Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. And he sent letters unto all the 30 Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, to 31 confirm these days of Purim in their stated times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had established for them, and as they had established for themselves and

for their seed, *in* the matters of the fastings and their cry.
32 And the commandment of Esther confirmed these matters
of Purim; and it was written in the book.

1 CHAP. X.—And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon
2 the land, and upon the isles of the sea. And all the acts of
his power and of his might, and the declaration of the great-
ness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are
they not written in the Book of the Annals of the kings
3 of Media and Persia? For Mordecai the Jew was next unto
king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of
the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people,
and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

CHAP. I.—There was, in the land of Uz, a man whose ¹ name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and one who feared God, and turned aside from evil. And there ² were born to him seven sons and three daughters. And his ³ possessions were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very numerous household; so that this man was greater than all the sons of the East.

Now his sons were accustomed to go and feast in the ⁴ house of him whose birth-day it was, when they sent and invited their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. And ⁵ as the days of their feasting came round, Job sent for them, that he might sanctify them; and he arose early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said: "Perhaps my sons have sinned, and renounced God in their hearts." In this manner did Job on all these days.

Now on a certain day the sons of God went to present ⁶ themselves before Jehovah, and the Satan also went amongst them. And Jehovah said to the Satan: "Whence comest ⁷ thou?" And the Satan answered Jehovah, and said, "From going about in the earth, and from walking through it." And ⁸ Jehovah said to the Satan: "Hast thou attentively observed my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man perfect and upright, fearing God, and turning aside from evil?" And the Satan answered Jehovah, and said: "Doth ⁹ Job fear God for nothing? Hast thou not made a fence ¹⁰ about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? The work of his hand thou hast blessed, and

11 his cattle have spread abroad in the land. But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face." And Jehovah said to the Satan: "Lo, all that he hath is in thy power, only upon himself put not forth thy hand." Then the Satan went out from the presence of Jehovah.

13 Now on a certain day his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother. 14 And a messenger came to Job, and said: "The oxen were plowing, and the she-asses were feeding near them; and the Sabæans rushed upon them, and carried them away, and smote the young men with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

16 He was yet speaking, when another came, and said: "The fire of God hath fallen from the heavens, and burned the sheep, and the young men, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

17 He was yet speaking, when another came, and said: "The Chaldæans formed themselves in three troops, and rushed upon the camels, and carried them away, and smote the young men with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

18 He was yet speaking, when another came, and said: "Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking in the house 19 of their eldest brother; when, lo, a great wind came from the desert, and struck the four corners of the house; and it fell upon the youths, so that they are dead, and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, 21 and fell upon the ground, and bowed his head, and said:

"Naked came I forth from my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return thither.
Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away;
Blessed be the name of Jehovah."

22 In all this Job sinned not, and spake not foolishly against God.

1 CHAP. II.—Now on a certain day the sons of God went to present themselves before Jehovah, and the Satan also went 2 amongst them to present himself before Jehovah. And Jehovah said to the Satan: "Whence comest thou?" And the Satan answered Jehovah, and said: "From going about in the 3 earth, and from walking through it." And Jehovah said to

the Satan : " Hast thou attentively observed my servant Job, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man perfect and upright, fearing God and turning aside from evil, and still holding fast his integrity, although thou movedst me to ruin him, without cause ? "

And the Satan answered Jehovah, and said : " Skin after 4 skin, and all that a man hath, he will give for his life : but 5 put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, he will renounce thee to thy face." And Jehovah said to the 6 Satan : " Lo, he is in thy power ; only preserve his life."

Then the Satan went out from the presence of Jehovah, 7 and smote Job with a grievous ulcerous inflammation from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a 8 potsherd to scrape himself with it, and he sat amongst the ashes. Then his wife said to him : " Dost thou still hold 9 fast thine integrity ? Renounce God, and die." But he said to 10 her : " Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. Shall we indeed receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil ? " In all this Job sinned not with his lips.

And three friends of Job heard of all this evil which had 11 befallen him, and they came each from his place ; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite : for they had agreed together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him. And they lifted up their eyes 12 from afar, and knew him not ; and they raised their voices and wept ; and they rent each his mantle, and they threw dust over their heads towards the heavens. And they sat 13 down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights ; and no one spake to him a word, for they saw that his grief was exceedingly great.

CHAP. III.—At length Job opened his mouth, and cursed 1 the day of his *birth* ; and Job spake and said : 2

" Perish the day in which I was born ! 3

And the night which said, ' A male child is conceived.' 4

That day ! may it be darkness ! 4

May not God seek for it from above !

Nor may the noon-day light shine forth upon it !

May darkness and the shadow of death claim it ! 5

May a cloud settle over it !

May the thickest gloom of day terrify it !

That night ! may thick darkness seize it ; 6

May it not make one among the days of the year !

Into the number of the months may it not enter !

7 Lo, that night ! may it be barren ;

May not rejoicing come upon it !

8 May they curse it who execrate the day,

Who are expert to rouse the leviathan !

9 May the stars of its twilight be darkened !

May it look for light, but may there be none,

And may it not see the eyelids of the dawn !

10 Because it closed not the doors of my *mother's* womb,

Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from my *mother's* womb,

And expired when I came forth from the womb,

12 Why were the knees ready for me,

And why the breasts, that I might suck ?

13 For now I should have been lying down and I should have
been quiet ;

I should have been asleep, and then I should have been at
rest,

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,

Who built for themselves desolate places ;

15 Or with princes who had gold,

Who filled their houses with silver ;

16 Or, like an untimely hidden birth, I should not have been ;

Like infants who have not seen the light.

17 There the wicked cease from troubling,

And there the wearied are at rest :

18 The prisoners are at ease together ;

They hear not the voice of the task-master :

19 Small and great are there,

And the servant set free from his master.

20 Why giveth He light to the miserable,

And life to the bitter in soul,

21 Who long for death, but it cometh not,

And would dig for it more than for hidden treasures ;

22 Who would rejoice to exultation,

Who would leap for joy could they find a grave ;

23 To the man whose path is hidden,

And whom God hath fenced around ?

24 For as my food, my sighing cometh,

And like water, my roarings are poured forth.

25 For the fear, of which I am afraid, cometh upon me

And that which I dread reacheth me.

I am not in peace, nor am I in quietness, 26
Nor am I at rest ; but trouble cometh."

CHAP. IV.—Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said :

" If one attempt to speak to thee, wilt thou be weary ? 2
Yet who can refrain from speaking ?
Lo ! thou hast instructed many, 3
And the weak hands thou hast strengthened.
Him who was stumbling thy words have upholden, 4
And the feeble knees thou hast made firm.
But now it is come upon thee, and thou art wearied ; 5
It hath reached thee, and thou art troubled.
Is not thy piety thy confidence, 6
Thy hope also the uprightness of thy ways ?
Recollect, I pray thee ; who is the innocent man that hath 7
perished,
And where have the righteous been cut off ?
So far as I have seen, the plowers of sorrow, 8
And the sowers of trouble, reap the same :
By the blast of God they perish, 9
And by the wind of his anger they are consumed.
The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the devouring lion, 10
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.
The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, 11
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

Now, a word was secretly conveyed to me, 12
And mine ear received the whisper thereof,
Amidst troubled thoughts from the visions of the night, 13
When deep sleep had fallen upon men.
Fear came upon me and trembling, 14
And made all my bones to shake.
Then a spirit passed before my face ; 15
The hair of my flesh stood erect.
There stood—but I could not discern its form— 16
An image before mine eyes :
There was stillness ; then I heard a voice,
' Shall mortal man be deemed just by God ? 17
Shall a man be deemed pure by his Maker ?
Lo, in his servants he putteth no trust ; 18
And to his angels he imputeth folly :
How much more to those who dwell in houses of clay ! 19

Whose foundation is in the dust,
 Who are crushed like the moth !
 20 From morning till evening they are beaten down ;
 While no one regards *it*, they perish for ever.
 21 Is not the excellency that was in them taken away ?
 They die, and without wisdom.'

1 CHAP. V.—“Call now ; Is there any one who will answer
 thee ?
 And to which of the Holy Ones wilt thou turn ?
 2 Truly, impatience slayeth the foolish man,
 And envy killeth the simple.
 3 I have seen the foolish man taking root,
 But suddenly I cursed his habitation :
 4 His children were far from safety,
 And they were crushed in the gate, and there was no one
 that delivered *them* ;
 5 Whose harvest the famished devoured ;
 Even from the thorns he carried it away,
 • And the robber swallowed up their substance.

6 Surely, sorrow cometh not forth from the dust,
 Nor from the ground doth trouble spring up.
 7 Surely, man is born to trouble,
 As birds of prey soar aloft in flight.
 8 Truly I would betake myself unto God,
 And to God I would commit my cause ;
 9 Who doeth great and unsearchable things,
 And wonders without number ;
 10 Who poureth forth rain on the earth,
 And sendeth waters upon the fields ;
 11 Who setteth up the depressed on high ;
 And the mourners are exalted into safety.
 12 He frustrateth the designs of the crafty,
 So that their hands cannot accomplish their design ;
 13 Taking the wise in their own craftiness,
 So that the counsel of the subtle cometh hastily to an end.
 14 In the day-time they encounter darkness,
 And in the noonday, they grope as in the night.
 15 But he saveth the desolate from their mouth,
 And from the hand of the strong, the needy ;
 16 That the poor man may have hope,
 And iniquity may stop her mouth.

Lo, happy is the man whom God correcteth ! 17
 The chastening of the Almighty therefore despise not.
 For he woundeth, and he bindeth up ; 18
 He smiteth, and his hands make whole.
 In six distresses he will deliver thee ; 19
 And in seven, evil shall not reach thee.
 In famine he will redeem thee from death, 20
 And in battle from the power of the sword.
 From the scourge of the tongue thou shalt be hidden ; 21
 And thou shalt not be afraid of destruction when it
 cometh.
 At devastation and at famine thou shalt laugh ; 22
 And of the beasts of the earth thou shalt not be afraid.
 For with the stones of the field shall be thy covenant ; 23
 And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
 And thou shalt know that thy tent is prosperous ; 24
 And thou shalt visit thy folds, and shalt not be disap-
 pointed :
 And thou shalt know that thy seed is numerous, 25
 And thine offspring as the grass of the field.
 Thou shalt go in full age to the grave, 26
 As a sheaf of corn goeth up in its season.
 Lo this, we have searched it out ; so it is ; 27
 Hear it, and know it for thyself."

CHAP. VI.—Then Job answered and said : 1
 "Oh that my impatience were carefully weighed, 2
 And my calamity laid with it in the balance !
 For now would it be found heavier than the sand of the 3
 sea :
 Therefore are my words vehement.
 For the arrows of the Almighty are fixed in me, 4
 The poison of which drinketh up my spirit :
 The terrors of God are arrayed against me.
 Doth the wild ass bray in the midst of herbage, 5
 Or loweth the ox over his fodder ?
 Can that which is insipid be eaten without salt, 6
 Or is there any taste in the white of an egg ?
 My soul refuses to touch *them*. 7
 They are like my sorrowful food.
 Oh that my request might come, 8
 And that God would grant my earnest desire !
 Even that God would be pleased to destroy me ; 9

That he would let loose his hand and cut me off.

10 Then should I yet have comfort ;

I would even leap for joy in the sorrow which he spareth not :

For I have not neglected the words of the Holy One.

11 What is my strength that I should hope ?

And what my end that I should be patient ?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones ?

Is my flesh brass ?

13 Rather am I not without help,

And is not safety driven away from me ?

14 As for him who withholdeth pity from a friend,

He will even forsake the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have proved deceitful as a torrent,

As torrent-streams they have passed away ;

16 Which are turbid from ice,

In which snow hath concealed itself.

17 As soon as they grow warm they disappear ;

By the heat they are destroyed from their place.

18 Caravans turn aside from their road ;

They go up into the waste and perish.

19 The caravans of Tema look towards them,

The companies of Sheba are in expectation from them.

20 They are ashamed to have trusted in them ;

They go thither and are abashed.

21 For now ye are nothing ;

Ye see *my* distress, and are afraid.

22 Have I indeed said, ' Give ye to me ' ?

Or, ' From your wealth make a present for me ' ?

23 Or, ' Rescue me from the power of the enemy,

And from the power of the oppressors redeem me ' ?

24 Instruct me, and I will be silent ;

And cause me to understand how I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words !

But what doth reproof from you reprove ?

26 Do ye think of reproving *my* words ?—

But *mere* wind are the words of one who is desperate.

27 Truly over the orphan ye cast *a net*,

And ye dig *a pitfall* for your friend.

28 But now let it please you to look upon me,

And it will be evident to you if I speak falsely.

29 Return, I pray ; let there be no unfairness ;

Return ; my righteousness is still in *the cause*.

Is there iniquity in my tongue? 30
 Cannot my palate discern calamity?

CHAP. VII.—“Is there not a service appointed for man 1
 upon earth;

And are not his days as the days of a hireling? 2

As a servant panteth for the shade, 2

And as a hireling earnestly desireth his wages, 3

So I am made to inherit months of vanity, 3

And wearisome nights are numbered out to me. 4

When I lie down, I say, 4

‘When shall I arise?’ but the darkness is prolonged,

And I am full of tossings till the dawn. 5

My flesh is clothed with worms and clotted dust, 5

My skin is broken and dissolved away. 6

My days are swifter than a shuttle, 6

And are ended by the failing of the thread. 7

Remember that my life is wind: 7

Mine eye will no more see good. 8

The eye of him who *now* seeth me, will not behold me, 8

Thine eyes will be upon me, but I shall not be. 9

The cloud is dissolved and vanisheth away; 9

So he that goeth down to the grave, shall not come up. 10

He shall return no more to his house, 10

Nor shall his place own him again any more. 11

Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; 11

I will speak in the distress of my spirit, 12

I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 12

Am I a sea or a sea-monster, 12

That thou shouldest appoint over me a watch? 13

When I say, ‘My couch shall comfort me, 13

My bed shall lessen my complaining;’ 14

Then thou affrightest me with dreams, 14

And with visions thou terrifiest me. 15

So that I would choose strangling, 15

And death rather than this skeleton. 16

I loathe *life*; I would not live for ever; 16

Cease from me, for my days are vanity. 17

What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him, 17

And that thou shouldest fix thy thoughts upon him? 18

And that thou shouldest inspect him every morning, 18

That at every moment thou shouldest try him? 19

How long wilt thou not look away from me, 19

- Nor give me respite while I swallow my spittle?
 20 *If* I have sinned, what have I done to thee,
 O thou observer of man?
 Why hast thou set me up as a mark for thee,
 So that I am a burden to myself?
 21 And why dost thou not take away my transgression,
 And cause mine iniquity to pass away?
 For soon shall I lie down in the dust;
 Even shouldest thou seek me earnestly, I shall not
 be."

- 1 CHAP. VIII.—Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and
 said:
 2 "How long wilt thou utter these things,
 And the words of thy mouth be a vehement wind?
 3 Shall God pervert judgment?
 Or shall the Almighty pervert justice?
 4 If thy children have sinned against him,
 And he hath sent them away in the power of their trans-
 gressions;
 5 If thou wouldest earnestly seek to God,
 And to the Almighty make supplication;
 6 If thou thyself be pure and upright,
 Surely now he will rise up for thee,
 And prosper thy righteous habitation;
 7 So that thy former state should be small,
 And thy latter state become exceedingly great.
 8 For ask, now, the former generation,
 And set thyself to search their fathers:
 9 (For we are of yesterday and know nothing,
 Since a shadow are our days upon earth:)
 10 Will not they teach thee, speak to thee,
 And from their understanding utter sayings?
 11 Can the reed flourish without moisture,
 Can the sedge grow without water?
 12 While it is yet swelling, though it be not cut down,
 Yet before all herbs it will wither:
 13 Such are the ways of all who forget God;
 So the hope of the profane perisheth;
 14 Whose confidence is cut off,
 And whose trust is the spider's house.
 15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand:
 He shall take fast hold of it, but it shall not endure.

Full of sap is he before the sun, 16
 And through his garden his sucker shooteth forth.
 About a heap his roots entwine, 17
 A house of stones he seeth.
 When He shall have dried him up from his place, 18
 Then it shall deny him, 'I have not seen thee.'
 Lo, this is the joy of his way, 19
 And from the dust others shall grow.
 Lo, God will not reject a perfect man, 20
 Nor will he support by his hand those who do evil.
 He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter, 21
 And thy lips with the shout of joy.
 They who hate thee shall be clothed with shame ; 22
 And the tent of the wicked shall not be."

CHAP. IX.—Then Job answered and said : 1
 "Truly I know that it is so : 2
 For how can a man be justified with God ?
 If he desireth to contend with him, 3
 He cannot answer him as to one *charge* in a thousand.
 Wise in heart, and mighty in strength, 4
 Who hath hardened himself against him and prospered ?
 Who removeth mountains, and they know not ; 5
 Who overturneth them in his anger ;
 Who maketh the earth to tremble from its place, 6
 So that its pillars shake with fear.
 Who commandeth the sun, and it riseth not, 7
 And upon the stars setteth a seal ;
 Who boweth down the heavens alone, 8
 And walketh upon the heights of the sea.
 Who made the Bear, Orion, 9
 The Pleiades also, and the inner chambers of the south ;
 Who doeth great things which cannot be searched, 10
 And wonderful things without number.
 Lo, he cometh against me, but I cannot see *him* ; 11
 And he striketh me through, but I cannot perceive him.
 Lo, he seizeth, who shall make him restore ? 12
 Who shall say to him, "What doest thou ?"
 God will not turn away his anger, 13
 Under him the helpers of pride bow down.
 How much less should I answer him, 14
 Even should I carefully choose my words with him ?
 Whom, though I were righteous, I would not answer ; 15

To my judge I would make supplication.
 16 Should I cite, and he answer me,
 I could not be confident that he would listen to my voice;
 17 Who with a tempest dasheth me to pieces,
 And multiplieth my wounds without cause.
 18 He suffereth me not to draw my breath,
 But he filleth me with bitterness.
 19 If by force, *I would contend*, he is strong;
 If by judgment—who shall appoint him a day?
 20 Though I were just, my mouth would condemn me;
 Though perfect, it would make me perverse.
 21 I am perfect; do I not know myself?
 Shall I condemn my own life?
 22 It is *all* one—therefore I said,
 The perfect and the wicked he destroyeth.
 23 If the scourge slay the simple,
 The dissolution of the innocent he also mocketh.
 24 A land is given into the hand of the wicked,
 The faces of its judges he covereth:
 If now it be not he, who is it?

25 My days are swifter than a courier;
 They have fled away, they have not seen good.
 26 They pass on like vessels of reed;
 As an eagle darteth on the prey.
 27 When I say, 'I will forget my complaint,
 I will lay aside my sad countenance and look cheerful;
 28 I am terrified by all my griefs;
 I know that thou wilt not acquit me.
 29 I shall be treated as guilty;
 Why, then, should I thus labour in vain?
 30 Should I wash myself in snow-water,
 And cleanse my hands with soap;
 31 Then wouldest thou plunge me into a pit,
 So that my garments would abhor me.
 32 For he is not a man like myself, that I should answer him,
 That we should enter together on a trial.
 33 There is not between us an umpire,
 Who might put his hand upon us both.
 34 Let him remove from off me his rod,
 And let not the fear of him terrify me;
 35 Then will I speak and not be afraid of him,
 When I am not as I now am.

CHAP. X.—“ My soul is weary of my life : 1
 I will give free course to my complaint ;
 I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
 I will say to God, ‘ Condemn me not : 2
 Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
 Is it good for thee to oppress, 3
 To despise the labour of thy hands,
 And to shine upon the counsels of the wicked ?
 Hast thou eyes of flesh ? 4
 As man seeth, seest thou ?
 As the days of man, are thy days ? 5
 Are thy years as the days of man,
 That thou shouldest inquire into mine iniquity, 6
 And search after my sin ;
 Though thou knowest that I am not guilty, 7
 And that there is no one who can deliver from thy hand ?
 Thy hands have fashioned me, and made me 8
 Compactly on all sides ; and wouldest thou destroy me ?
 Remember, I pray thee, that thou hast made me as clay, 9
 And to the dust wilt thou bring me again ?
 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, 10
 And curdled me as cheese ?
 With skin and flesh thou hast clothed me, 11
 And with bones and sinews thou hast framed me :
 Life and favour thou hast granted to me, 12
 And thy watchfulness preserveth my breath.
 Yet these things thou hast treasured up in thy heart, 13
 I know that this has been thy purpose.
 If I had sinned, thou wouldest have marked me, 14
 And from mine iniquity thou wouldest not have acquitted
 me.
 If I were wicked, woe unto me ! 15
 And righteous as I am, I cannot lift up my head ;
 Filled with disgrace, and beholding my affliction !
 If it were lifted up, as a lion thou wouldest hunt me ; 16
 And repeatedly shew thyself wonderful against me.
 Thou wouldest renew thine attacks upon me, 17
 And increase thine indignation towards me ;
 Hosts in succession would come against me.
 Why then didst thou bring me forth from the womb ? 18
 I should have expired, and no eye have seen me.
 I should have been as though I had not been ; 19
 From the womb to the grave I should have been carried.

- 20 Are not my days few? Cease, then,
 And leave me, that I may be joyful for a little while,
 21 Before I go away, not to return,
 To a land of darkness and the shadow of death;
 22 A land of obscurity, as the thickest darkness;
 Of the shadow of death, and without order,
 And where *even* what shineth, is as the thickest darkness.'"

1 CHAP. XI.—Then Zophar the Naamathite answered
 and said:

- 2 "Shall not one of many words be answered?
 Or shall a man full of talk be justified?
 3 Shall thy vain boasts put men to silence?
 And shalt thou mock, and no one make thee ashamed?
 4 Now thou hast said, 'My doctrine is pure,
 And I am clean in thine eyes.'
 5 But Oh that God would speak,
 And open his lips with thee!
 6 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom,
 For they are doubly *sufficient* for instruction:
 Then wouldest thou know that God remitteth to thee of
 thine iniquity.
 7 The deep things of God canst thou find out?
 Canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection?
 8 The heights of the heavens! what canst thou do?
 Deeper than the grave! what canst thou know?
 9 Longer than the earth is its measure,
 And wider than the sea.
 10 If he assail, and bind,
 And bring before the assembly, then who can make him
 restore?
 11 For he knoweth men of falsehood;
 And he seeth iniquity; will he not then take notice of it?
 12 That the foolish man may become wise,
 And the colt of the wild ass may become a man.
 13 If thou wilt prepare thy heart,
 And spread out to him thy hands;
 14 If thou put away the iniquity in thy hand,
 And suffer not wickedness to dwell in thy tents,
 15 Surely thou shalt then lift up thy face without spot;
 And thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:
 16 Surely thou shalt forget trouble;
 As waters that have passed away thou shalt remember it.

And brighter than noon shall be thine age ; 17
 Though thou be *now* in darkness, thou shalt be as the
 morning.
 And thou shalt be secure, because there will be hope ; 18
 And though *now* ashamed, thou shalt take thy rest in
 security.
 Thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid ; 19
 And the mighty shall entreat thy favour.
 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, 20
 And their means of escape shall perish,
 And their hope *shall be* a puff of breath."

CHAP. XII.—Then Job answered and said : 1
 "Truly ye are the people, 2
 And with you wisdom will die.
 Yet I have understanding like you ; 3
 I fall not below you :
 And who knoweth not such things as these ?
 One derided by his friend am I ; 4
 One who called on God and he heard him :
 Derided is the just, the perfect man !
 Calamity is despised ; prosperity is at ease ; 5
 They who are slipping with their feet are smitten.
 Prosperous are the tents of plunderers, 6
 And they are secure who provoke God ;
 Into whose hand God bringeth *substance*.
 But ask, now, the beasts, and they will teach thee ; 7
 And the fowls of the heavens, and they will tell thee.
 Or consider the earth, and it will teach thee ; 8
 And the fishes of the sea will declare to thee.
 Who knoweth not as to all these things, 9
 That the hand of God hath made them ?
 In whose hand is the soul of every living creature, 10
 And the breath of all mankind.
 Doth not the ear prove words, 11
 As the palate tasteth its food ?
 With the aged is wisdom ; 12
 And length of days is understanding.
 With Him is wisdom and might ; 13
 He hath counsel and understanding.
 Lo, he overthroweth, and it shall not be rebuilt ; 14
 He bindeth a man, and he shall not be set free.
 Lo, he restraineth the waters, and they dry up ; 15

- He also sendeth them forth, and they overturn the earth.
 16 With him is strength and safety :
 The misled and the misleader are his.
 17 He leadeth away counsellors spoiled,
 And judges he maketh foolish.
 18 The girdle of kings he looseneth,
 And bindeth a belt about their loins.
 19 He leadeth priests away spoiled,
 And overthroweth the powerful.
 20 He removeth the speech of the eloquent,
 And the discernment of elders he taketh away.
 21 He poureth contempt upon princes,
 And the girdle of the powerful he looseneth.
 22 He revealeth deep things out of darkness,
 And bringeth forth to light the shadow of death.
 23 He maketh nations to increase, and he destroyeth them :
 He enlargeth nations, and he leadeth them away captive.
 24 He taketh away understanding from the chiefs of a land,
 And causeth them to wander in a pathless waste :
 25 They grope in darkness without light,
 And he causeth them to reel like a drunken man.

- 1 CHAP. XIII.—“ Lo, all this mine eye hath seen,
 Mine ear hath heard and understood it.
 2 As ye know, I also know ;
 I fall not below you.
 3 Truly I would plead with the Almighty,
 And to contend with God I earnestly desire :
 4 Since truly ye are forgers of lies ;
 Physicians of no value are ye all.
 5 Oh that ye would be altogether silent !
 For that would be your wisdom.
 6 Hear now my defence,
 And attend to the pleadings of my lips.
 7 Will ye speak wickedly for God ?
 And for him will ye speak falsely ?
 8 Will ye accept his person ?
 Will ye contend for God ?
 9 Will it be well *for you* when he shall prove you ?
 As man is deceived, will ye deceive him ?
 10 He will severely reprove you,
 If in secret ye accept persons.
 11 Shall not his majesty make you afraid,

And the dread of him fall upon you ?
 Your remembrances are maxims of ashes, 12
 Bulwarks of clay are your bulwarks.
 Be silent ; interrupt me not, and I will speak ; 13
 Happen to me what will.
 Wherefore shall I carry my flesh in my teeth, 14
 And put my life in my hand ?
 Lo, he will slay me ; I can have no hope ; 15
 Yet my way I will vindicate to his face.
 Truly this would be my deliverance : 16
 For into his presence no profane person would come.
 Listen ye attentively to my speech, 17
 And let my declaration *come* to your ears.
 Lo, now I have arranged my cause ; 18
 I know that I shall be acquitted.
 Who is he that will contend with me ? 19
 Surely I would then be silent and expire.
 Only two things do not to me ; 20
 Then will I not hide myself from thee :
 Withdraw thy hand far from me, 21
 And let not the fear of thee terrify me.
 Then call, and I will answer ; 22
 Or I will speak, and do thou answer me.
 How many are mine iniquities and my sins ? 23
 My transgressions and my sins make known to me.
 Why hidest thou thy face, 24
 And accountest me an enemy to thee ?
 The driven leaf wouldest thou crush ? 25
 And the parched stubble wouldest thou pursue ?
 For thou writest against me bitter things, 26
 And makest me to inherit the sins of my youth ;
 And puttest my feet into the stocks, 27
 And watchest all my ways ;
 On the soles of my feet thou settest a mark.
 And this *body* as a rotten thing is wasting away, 28
 As a garment which the moth consumeth.

CHAP. XIV.—“ Man, born of woman, 1
 Is of few days and full of trouble.
 As a flower he springeth up and withereth ; 2
 Yea, he fleeth away as a shadow, and continueth not.
 Upon such a one wilt thou open thine eyes ? 3
 And wilt thou bring me into trial with thyself ?

- 4 Who can bring a clean thing from an unclean ?
No one.
- 5 Since his days are determined,
The number of his months is with thee ;
Thou hast appointed his bounds, which he cannot pass ;
- 6 Turn from him, and let him have rest,
Till he have completed, as a hireling, his day.
- 7 For there is hope of a tree, if cut down,
That it will sprout again,
And that its shoots will not cease.
- 8 Though its root grow old in the earth,
And its stock die in the ground ;
- 9 At the scent of water it will bud,
And send forth branches as a young plant.
- 10 But man dieth, and is laid low :
Yea, man expireth, and where is he ?
- 11 As waters flow away from a lake,
And a river is dried up and exhausted ;
- 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not again :
Till the heavens be no more they shall not awake,
Nor be roused from their sleep.
- 13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave,
That thou wouldest keep me in secret till thine anger be past,
That thou wouldest appoint me a fixed time, and remember
me !
- 14 If a man die, will he live *again* ?
All the days of my appointed service I will wait,
Till my relief shall come.
- 15 Thou wilt call, and I shall answer thee.
The work of my hands thou wilt earnestly desire.
- 16 Truly now thou numberest my steps ;
Dost thou not keep watch over my sins ?
- 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
And thou tiest up mine iniquities.
- 18 Yet even the mountain, falling, wastes away,
And the rock is moved from its place.
- 19 The waters wear away the stones ;
Their overflowings wash away the dust of the earth ;
So thou destroyest the hope of man :
- 20 Thou overpowerest him for ever, and he departeth ;
Changing his countenance, thou drivest him away.

His sons come to honour, but he knoweth it not; 21
 They are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.
 Only over himself his flesh grieveth, 22
 And over himself his soul mourneth."

CHAP. XV.—Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and 1
 said :

"Should a wise man answer with empty knowledge, 2
 And fill his breast with the east wind?
 Reasoning with speech that profiteth not, 3
 And with sayings by which he can do no good?
 Surely thou makest reverence void, 4
 And represses devotion before God.
 Truly thine own mouth discovereth thine iniquity, 5
 Though thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; 6
 And thine own lips bear witness against thee.

Wast thou the first man born? 7
 And before the hills wast thou formed?
 In the council of God hast thou been a hearer? 8
 And wouldest thou confine wisdom to thyself?
 What knowest thou that we know not? 9
What understandest thou, which is not with us?
 Both the grey-headed and the aged man is with us, 10
 Surpassing thy father in years.
 Are the consolations of God of small account with thee, 11
 And words of tenderness addressed to thee?
 Whither doth thy heart bear thee away, 12
 And why are thine eyes threatening,
 That thou turnest against God thy breath, 13
 And bringest out speeches from thy mouth?
 What is man that he should be pure? 14
 And that he should be just, who is born of woman?
 Lo, in his Holy Ones he confideth not; 15
 And the heavens are not pure in his sight.
 How much more abominable and filthy 16
 Must be man who drinketh iniquity as water.

I will shew thee, hear me; 17
 And that which I have seen, I will relate;
 What wise men have declared, 18
 And have not concealed, *having received it from their*
fathers;
 To whom alone the land was given, 19

And a stranger passed not among them.

20 'During all the days of a wicked man, he is in pangs;
And the number of *his* years is hidden from the oppressor.

21 A sound of terrors is in his ears;
In the midst of prosperity, the destroyer cometh upon
him.

22 He hath no confidence that he shall escape from darkness,
But he is watched for, for the sword.

23 He wandereth about, food for the vulture;
He knoweth that a day of darkness is close at hand.

24 Distress terrifieth him,
And anxiety presseth upon him,

As a king ready for an onset;
25 Because he had stretched forth his hand against God,
And against the Almighty he had put forth his strength.

26 He had rushed upon him with an *outstretched* neck,
Under the thick bosses of his buckler;

27 Because he had covered his face with fatness,
And had spread fat upon his loins.

28 But he dwelleth in cities which are to be destroyed,
In houses which shall not be inhabited,
Which are ready to become ruinous heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, nor shall his wealth be established,
Nor shall the prosperity of such extend itself on the earth.

30 He shall not escape out of darkness;
The lightning shall wither his suckers,
And he shall be driven away by the blast of His mouth.

31 Let him not trust in falsehood: he will be deceived;
For with falsehood he shall be repaid.

32 Before his time it shall be fulfilled,
And his branch shall not continue green.

33 He shall shake off, as a vine, his unripe grape,
And shall cast, as an olive, his flower.

34 For the assembly of the profane shall be a barren rock,
And fire shall consume the tents of bribery.

35 They conceive sorrow, and bring forth trouble,
And their womb engendereth deceit.' "

1 CHAP. XVI.—Then Job answered and said:

2 "I have heard such things as these in abundance:
Miserable comforters are ye all!

3 Shall there be an end to words of wind?
Or what inciteth thee that thou shouldest answer?

I also, like you, could speak, 4
 If ye were in my place :
 I could heap together old sayings against you,
 And against you shake my head.
 I would strengthen you with my mouth, 5
 And the motion of my lips should be restrained.
 If I speak, my grief is not restrained ; 6
 And if I forbear, what *portion of it* departeth from me ?
 Truly now He wearieth me. 7
 Thou hast made desolate all my companions.
 Thou hast also bound me in fetters, *which* is a witness 8
against me,
 And he who believeth me, riseth up against me ;
 He accuseth me to my face.
 In his anger he teareth me, and pursueth me with hatred ; 9
 He gnasheth upon me with his teeth :
 Mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes against me.
 They run with open mouth upon me, 10
 With insult have they smitten me on the cheek ;
 Together they glut their rage upon me.
 God hath delivered me up to the unjust, 11
 And into the hands of wicked men he hath cast me.
 I was at ease, but he hath shattered me ; 12
 And he hath taken me by my neck, and shaken me to
 pieces ;
 And he hath set me up as a mark for himself.
 His archers compass me around : 13
 He pierceth my reins, and spareth not ;
 He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
 He breaketh me with breach upon breach ; 14
 He rusheth upon me like a mighty warrior.
 Sackcloth have I sewed upon my skin, 15
 And buried my horn in the dust.
 My face is swollen with weeping, 16
 And on mine eyelids is the shadow of death ;
 Although no injustice is in my hands, 17
 And my prayer is sincere.
 O earth, hide no blood *shed* by me, 18
 And let there be no limit to *its* cry against me.
 Even now, lo, my witness is in the heavens, 19
 And mine eye-witness is on high.
 My friends are they who scorn me ; 20
 Therefore to God mine eye poureth forth tears.

21 That a man might plead with God,
 As a son of man *pleadeth* with his neighbour.
 22 When a few years are come,
 I must go the way by which I cannot return.
 1 CHAP. XVII.—“My breath is oppressed my days are
 extinct,
 The grave is ready for me.

2 Surely, mockers are with me,
 And on their provocations mine eye resteth.
 3 Engage now, give me thy pledge;
 Who is he that shall strike hands with me?
 4 For the heart of these thou hidest from understanding;
 Therefore thou wilt not exalt them.
 5 He who exposeth his friends to plunder,
 Even the eyes of his children shall fail.
 6 He hath set me up for a proverb among peoples,
 And I am an object of contempt before them.
 7 Therefore mine eye is dim with indignation,
 And all my limbs are as a shadow.
 8 The upright will be astonished at this,
 And the innocent man will rouse himself against the pro-
 fane.
 9 Yet the just man will be strengthened in his way,
 And he that is of pure hands will increase his strength.
 10 But as for you all, though ye come again and again,
 Yet I cannot find amongst you one who is wise.

11 My days are passed; my purposes are broken off,
The purposes which possessed my heart.
 12 They had changed my night into day;
 ‘The light is nigh,’ *they said*, ‘in the presence of darkness.’
 13 Surely I expect the grave as my house;
 In darkness I shall spread my couch.
 14 To corruption I shall say, ‘My father art thou!’
 ‘My mother and my sister,’ to the worm.
 15 Then where will be my hope?
 My hope! who shall see it?
 16 To the chambers of the grave it shall go down,
 Verily together we shall sink into the dust.”

1 CHAP. XVIII.—Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and
 said:

"How long will ye plant snares in *your* speeches? 2
 Understand, and then we will speak.
 Why are we accounted beasts, 3
Why thought stupid in your sight?
 He teareth himself in his anger! 4
 For thy sake shall the earth be forsaken,
 And the rock removed from its place?
 Truly the light of the wicked shall be put out, 5
 And the flame of his fire shall not shine.
 The light shall be darkened in his tent, 6
 And the lamp above him shall be extinguished.
 Straited shall be the steps of his strength, 7
 And his own counsel shall cause him to stumble.
 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, 8
 And upon its meshes he walketh.
 The snare shall take him by the heel, 9
 The springe shall hold him fast.
 The cord is hidden for him on the ground, 10
 And the trap *is set* for him in the path.
 On every side, terrors alarm him, 11
 And drive him to his feet.
 His strength shall be wasted by hunger, 12
 And calamity shall be close at his side.
 It shall consume the members of his body: 13
 The first-born of death shall consume his members.
 His confidence shall be rooted up from his tent; 14
 Terrors shall march against him like a king.
 They shall dwell in his tent, because he hath none to sur- 15
 vive him:
 Brimstone shall be spread upon his habitation.
 Beneath, his root shall be dried up, 16
 And above, his branch shall be cut off.
 His remembrance shall perish from the land, 17
 And he shall have no name abroad.
 He shall be driven from light into darkness, 18
 And from the world shall he be chased away.
 Neither son nor grandson shall he have among his 19
 people,
 Nor any one left in his domains.
 At his fate posterity shall be astonished, 20
 As they who were before were seized with horror.
 These, truly, are the habitations of the impious, 21
 And this the place of him who knoweth not God."

- 1 CHAP. XIX.—Then Job answered and said :
2 “ How long will ye afflict my soul,
And crush me with speeches ?
3 These ten times have ye calumniated me ;
Ye are not ashamed, ye harden yourselves against me.
4 And should I, indeed, have erred,
With myself my error abideth.
5 Do ye, indeed, magnify yourselves against me,
And allege against me my disgrace ?
6 Know, then, that God hath driven me about,
And hath cast his net around me.
7 Lo, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard :
I cry aloud, but there is no justice.
8 He hath fenced up my way, so that I cannot pass,
And over my paths he hath put darkness.
9 My glory he hath stripped from me,
And he hath taken the crown from my head.
10 He hath beaten me down on every side, and I am passing
away ;
And he hath rooted up my hope, as a tree ;
11 And he hath kindled his anger against me,
And he accounteth me among his enemies.
12 His troops come all together,
And fortify their way against me,
And encamp round about my tent.
13 My brethren he hath removed far from me,
And my acquaintance are quite estranged.
14 My kinsmen have deserted me,
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 They who sojourn in my house, and my maid-servants,
Account me a stranger :
An alien am I in their eyes.
16 I call to my servant, but he answereth me not,
Though with my mouth I entreat him.
17 My breath is offensive to my wife,
And I am an object of loathing to the sons of my body.
18 Even young children spurn at me ;
I arise, and they revile me.
19 All my bosom-friends abhor me ;
And they whom I loved have turned against me.
20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and my flesh,
And I have escaped with the skin of my teeth.
21 Have pity on me, have pity on me, O my friends ;

For the hand of God hath touched me.
 Why should ye persecute me, as God, 22
 And with my flesh, not be satisfied?
 Oh that now my words were written ! 23
 Oh that they were inscribed in a book !
 That with an iron style, and with lead, 24
 They were engraven for ever, on a rock !
 For I know that my Avenger liveth, 25
 And that at length he will rise up over the dust.
 And after my skin hath been thus torn, 26
 And without my flesh, I shall see God ;
 Whom I shall behold on my side, 27
 And mine eyes shall see, but not estranged *from me*.
 My reins are consumed within me.
 Truly ye will *then* say, ‘ Why do we pursue him, 28
 And find the root of the matter in him ? ’
 Be afraid for yourselves of the sword, 29
 For wrath is punished by the sword,
 That ye may know that there is one who judgeth.”

CHAP. XX.—Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and 1
 said :

“ Verily my thoughts cause me to answer, 2
 And therefore I am in haste *to speak*.
 My ignominious reproof I hear, 3
 But the spirit of my understanding causeth me to reply.
 Knowest thou this ? From of old, 4
 From the time when man was placed on the earth,
 The triumphing of the wicked is short, 5
 And the joy of the profane *but* for a moment.
 Though his dignity should ascend to the heavens, 6
 And his head touch the clouds,
 Like his own dung he shall perish for ever : 7
 They who have seen him, shall say, ‘ Where is he ? ’
 Like a dream shall he fly away, and not be found ; 8
 And he shall be driven away as a vision of the night.
 The eye saw him, but it shall see him no more, 9
 Nor shall his place again behold him.
 His sons shall seek favour from the poor, 10
 And his own hands shall restore *the gains of* his violence.
 His bones are full of secret *sin*, 11
 And with him it shall lie down in the dust.
 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, 12

And he hide it under his tongue ;

13 *Though* he spare it, and desert it not,

But keep it within his palate ;

14 His food shall be changed in his bowels ;

The poison of asps shall be within him.

15 He hath swallowed wealth, but he shall vomit it up ;

From his belly God shall cast it out.

16 The bitter poison of asps he shall suck :

The tongue of the viper shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the brooks,

The rivers, the streams of honey and of milk.

18 He shall restore what he hath laboured for, and not swallow it :

According to his wealth shall his restitution be, and he shall not rejoice ;

19 Because he hath oppressed, and hath forsaken the poor,

He hath seized on a house which he builded not.

20 Because he hath not felt quietness in his belly,

In his covetousness he suffered nothing to escape,

21 Not a remnant, *to escape* his rapacity ;

Therefore, his prosperity shall not endure :

22 In the fulness of his abundance, distress shall befall him ;

The hand of all the miserable shall come upon him.

23 When he shall be filling his belly,

God shall cast upon him the fury of his wrath,

And shall rain it upon him, while he is eating.

24 If he flee from the weapon of iron,

The bow of brass shall strike him through.

25 He draweth, and it cometh out of his body ;

Even the glittering shaft out of his gall :

He goeth—terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures :

A fire not blown shall consume him ;

It shall devour that which is left in his tent.

27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity,

And the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall roll away,

As torrents, in the day of His wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,

And the inheritance decreed for him by God."

1 CHAP. XXI.—And Job answered and said :

2 " Listen attentively to my speech,

And let this be your consolation.
 Bear with me while I speak, 3
 And after I have spoken, do thou mock.
 Do I *make* my complaint to man? 4
 And if it were so, why should I not be angry?
 Look at me, and be astonished, 5
 And put your hand upon your mouth.
 Even when I remember, I am troubled, 6
 And my flesh is seized with trembling.

Why do the wicked live, 7
 Grow old, and become mighty in power?
 Their seed is established in their presence, with them- s
 selves,
 And their offspring, before their eyes.
 Their houses are safe from fear, 9
 And the rod of God is not upon them.
 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; 10
 Their cow bringeth forth, and casteth not.
 They send forth their little ones like a flock, 11
 And their children dance.
 They raise *their voice* to the timbrel and the harp, 12
 And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
 They wear out their days in prosperity, 13
 And in a moment go down to the grave;
 Though they had said to God, 'Depart from us, 14
 For in the knowledge of thy ways we delight not.
 Who is the Almighty, that we should serve him? 15
 And what profit shall we have if we pray unto him?'
 Lo, not in their own power is their prosperity. 16
 (Be the counsel of the wicked far from me!)
 When is the lamp of the wicked extinguished, 17
 And doth destruction come upon them?
 Doth He distribute sorrows in his anger;
 Are they as stubble before the wind, 18
 And as chaff which the storm carrieth away?

Ye will say, 'God layeth up for his sons his iniquity.' 19
 He should recompense himself, that he might experience
 it.
 His own eyes should see his perdition, 20
 And of the poison of the Almighty he should drink.

21 For what care hath he of his house after him,
When the number of his months is completed?

22 Can any one teach God knowledge?

Since he ruleth those on high.

23 One man dieth in his full strength,

Wholly at ease and quiet;

24 His sides are filled with fat,

And his bones are moist with marrow:

25 Another man dieth in the bitterness of his soul,

And tasteth not good.

26 Together they lie down in the dust,

And the worm covereth them.

27 Lo, I know your thoughts,

And the imaginations which ye wrongfully conceive against
me.

28 For ye say, 'Where is the house of the noble,

And where the tent of the habitations of the wicked?'

29 Do ye not inquire of those who pass on the road,

And their testimony do ye not know,

30 That in the day of calamity, the wicked is spared,

That in the day of wrath, he is conveyed away?

31 Who will tell him his way to his face,

And who will requite him what he hath done?

32 Even this man is carried out to the grave,

And over the tomb he keepeth watch:

33 Sweet to him are the clods of the valley.

And after him he draweth all men,

As before him they were without number.

34 How, then, would ye comfort me with vanity,

Since as to your answers, there remaineth *in them* falsehood?

1 CHAP. XXII.—Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and
said:

2 "Can a man be profitable to God,

Because a wise man may be profitable to himself?

3 Can it be any pleasure to the Almighty that thou justifi-
est thyself,

Or any gain, that thou provest thy way upright?

4 Through fear of thee, will he plead with thee?

Will he come with thee into judgment?

5 Is not thy wickedness great,

And thine iniquities without end ?
 Surely thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother without 6
 cause,
 And the raiment of the naked, thou hast stripped off.
 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, 7
 And from the hungry thou hast withholden bread.
 But *as for* the powerful man, the land was his, 8
 And the man whose person was accepted dwelt in it.
 Widows thou didst send away empty, 9
 And the arms of orphans thou didst break.
 Therefore, snares are all around thee, 10
 And sudden fear troubleth thee ;
 Or darkness in which thou canst not see, 11
 And a flood of waters covereth thee.
 Is not God in the height of the heavens ? 12
 And seeth he not above the stars, though they are high ?
 Therefore, thou saidst, 'How can God know ?' 13
 Through the thick darkness can he judge ?
 Thick clouds are his recess, so that he seeth not, 14
 And on the circle of the heavens he walketh.'
 Thou art keeping the old way, 15
 Which wicked men have trodden,
 Who were seized before their time, 16
 On whose habitation the flood was poured forth ;
 Who said to God, 'Depart from us ;' 17
 For what can the Almighty do for us ?
 Yet he had filled their houses with good things. 18
 (But be the counsel of the wicked far from me !)
 The righteous saw it, and were glad ; 19
 And the innocent laughed them to scorn, *saying*,
 'Surely our adversary hath been cut off ;' 20
 And the remnant of them, fire shall consume.'
 Make Him thy friend, and be at peace : 21
 Thus shall thine increase become abundant.
 Receive, now, from his mouth the law, 22
 And lay up his words in thy heart.
 If thou wilt return to the Almighty, thou shalt be re- 23
 stored.
 If thou wilt remove iniquity far from thy tent,
 Thou shalt then esteem fine gold as dust, 24
 And *the gold of* Ophir, as the pebbles of torrents ;
 And the Almighty shall be thy gold, 25
 And the purest silver shall he be to thee.

- 26 For then thou shalt find delight in the Almighty,
 And thou shalt lift up thy face to God.
 27 Thou shalt pray to him, and he will hear thee,
 And thy vows thou shalt perform.
 28 And thou shalt decree a thing, and it shall be established
 to thee;
 And on thy way light shall shine.
 29 When any one is brought low, thou shalt say, '*Let there
 be exaltation,*'
 And he will save the humble.
 30 He will deliver him who is not innocent,
 And he shall be delivered by the purity of thy hands."

- 1 CHAP. XXIII.—Then Job answered and said :
 2 "Even yet is my complaint rebellion?
 My stroke is heavier than my sighing.
 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him !
 I would go even to his *judgment* seat.
 4 I would order *my* cause before him,
 And fill my mouth with arguments.
 5 I should know with what words he would answer me,
 And I should understand what he would say to me.
 6 With *his* great power, would he contend with me ?
 No ; surely he would give heed to me.
 7 There the upright might plead with him ;
 And I should be delivered once for all from my judge.
 8 Lo ! I go forward, but he is not *there* ;
 And backward, but I cannot perceive him ;
 9 To the left, where he worketh, but I cannot behold *him* ;
 He hideth himself on the right hand, so that I cannot see
him.
 10 But he knoweth the way I pursue :
 He proveth me ; as gold shall I come forth.
 11 In his paths my foot hath firmly kept ;
 His way I have observed, and have not turned aside ;
 12 The orders of his lips I have not removed from me ;
 In my bosom I have laid up the words of his mouth.
 13 But he is in one *mind*, and who can turn him ?
 And what he desireth, he doeth.
 14 Surely he will perfect what is decreed for me ;
 And many such things as these are with him.
 15 Therefore I am troubled before him ;
 I attentively consider, and fear him.

For God hath made my heart faint, 16
 And the Almighty hath troubled me ;
 Because I was not cut off before *this* darkness, 17
 Nor hath he covered thick darkness from me.

CHAP. XXIV.—“ Why are not stated times set apart by 1
 the Almighty ?

And why do not they who know him, see his days ?
Some there are, who remove landmarks ; 2
 They seize upon a flock and those who tend it ;
 The ass of orphans they lead away ; 3
 They take for a pledge the ox of the widow.
 They turn aside the needy from the way : 4
 The poor of the land hide themselves together.
 Lo ! like wild mules in the wilderness, 5
 They go forth to their work,
 Searching eagerly for food :
 The desert yieldeth to each one food for his children.
 In a field not his own, every one of them reapeth, 6
 And the vintage of the wicked they gather.
 Naked they lodge without clothing ; 7
 And no covering have they in the cold.
 With the rains of the mountains, they are made wet ; 8
 And for want of shelter they embrace rocks.

Some there are, who tear away the fatherless from the 9
 breast,
 And that which is on the poor they take in pledge.
 Naked they go without clothing, 10
 And famished they carry in the sheaves.
 Within their walls, they press out oil, 11
 They tread their wine-presses, yet suffer thirst.
 From the city mortals groan, 12
 And the soul of the slain crieth out ;
 Yet God attendeth not to their prayer.

Some there are, who rebel against the light ; 13
 They know not its ways,
 And they abide not in its paths.
 At the light the murderer riseth, 14
 That he may slay the poor and needy ;
 And by night he is as a thief.
 The eye of the adulterer also watcheth for the twilight, 15

- Saying, 'No eye will see me ;'
 And he putteth a covering on his face.
 16 *Another* digs in darkness into houses :
 By day they closely conceal themselves ;
 They know not the light.
 17 The morning is to them as the shadow of death,
 Since to be known is the terrors of the shadow of death.
 18 *Light should* such *be* on the surface of the waters ;
 Cursed their possessions in the land !
 Nor should such go by the way of the vineyards.
 19 Drought and heat absorb the snow-waters ;
So should the grave those who sin.
 20 The womb should forget him,
 The worms should feed sweetly on him ;
 He should be no more remembered,
 And iniquity should be broken as a tree.
 21 He should nourish a barren, childless wife,
 And to *his* widow, no one should do good.
 22 But He maintaineth the mighty by his power ;
 They rise, when they had no confidence in their life.
 23 He granteth every one of them to be in security, and they
 are supported ;
 Though his eyes are upon their ways.
 24 They are exalted ; in a little while they are no more,
 They pass away like all *other men*, they are buried ;
 And like ears of corn they are cut off.
 25 And if it be not even so, who will convict me of falsehood,
 And make my speech of no worth ?”

1 CHAP. XXV.—Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said :

- 2 “Dominion and terror are with Him ;
 He maketh retribution in his high places.
 3 Is there any number to his troops ?
 And on whom riseth not his light ?
 4 How, then, can man be justified with God ?
 Or how can he be clean who is born of woman ?
 5 Lo, even the moon, it shineth not,
 And the stars are not pure, in his sight.
 6 How much less man, a worm !
 And the son of man, an earth-worm !”

1 CHAP. XXVI.—Then Job answered and said :

"How hast thou helped the powerless ! 2
How hast thou saved the arm which hath no strength !
 How hast thou counselled him who hath no wisdom ! 3
 And made known prudence abundantly !
 Whose speeches hast thou uttered ? 4
 And whose spirit hath come forth from thee ?

The mighty dead are in pangs beneath ; 5
 The waters, and their inhabitants.
 The grave is naked before Him ; 6
 And there is no covering to destruction.
 He stretcheth out the north over empty space, 7
 He hangeth the earth upon nothing.
 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds, 8
 So that the cloud is not rent under them ;
 Withdrawing the face of his throne, 9
 Spreading over it his cloud.
 He hath described a circle on the surface of the waters, 10
 To the boundary of light and darkness.
 The pillars of the heavens tremble, 11
 And are astonished at his rebuke.
 By his power he agitateth the sea, 12
 And by his understanding he restraineth *its* pride.
 By his spirit he hath adorned the heavens ; 13
 His hand hath formed the winding serpent.
 Lo, these are the outlines of his way, 14
 And what a whisper the word we have heard of him !
 But the thunder of his power who can understand ?"

CHAP. XXVII.—And Job renewed his discourse, and 1
 said :

"As God liveth, who hath rejected my cause ; 2
 Even the Almighty, who hath embittered my soul ;
 So long as my breath is in me, 3
 And the spirit of God is in my nostrils,
 My lips shall not speak wickedness, 4
 Nor my tongue utter falsehood.
 Far be it from me to justify you : 5
 Till I expire I will not renounce my integrity.
 My righteousness I will hold fast, and will not let it go. 6
 My heart shall not reproach me during my life.
 Let my enemy be as the wicked, 7
 And he who riseth up against me, as the unrighteous.

- 8 For what hope hath the profane, though he hath gained
 wealth,
 When God draweth forth his soul?
 9 Will God hear his cry,
 When trouble cometh upon him?
 10 Hath he taken delight in the Almighty?
 Hath he called upon God at all times?
 11 I will instruct you concerning the hand of God;
 That which is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
 12 Lo, ye all see it,
 Why, then, do ye thus utter vanity?
 13 'This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
 And the inheritance which oppressors receive from the Al-
 mighty.
 14 If his children be multiplied, the sword *awaits* them;
 And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
 15 Those of them that remain, shall be buried in death,
 And their widows shall not weep.
 16 Though he heap up silver as dust,
 And provide raiment as mire,
 17 What he hath provided the just shall wear,
 And the innocent shall divide the silver.
 18 He buildeth his house as a moth,
 Or as a booth which a watchman maketh.
 19 He lieth down a rich man, nothing had been taken away:
 He openeth his eyes, and nothing remaineth.
 20 Terrors overtake him as waters;
 By night a tempest snatcheth him away.
 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he is gone,
 And tempestuously it sweepeth him from his place;
 22 And it casteth itself upon him, and spareth not,
Though he would fain flee from its power.
 23 It clappeth its hands at him,
 And hisseth him from his place.'

- 1 CHAP. XXVIII.—“Truly, there is a vein for silver,
 And a place for gold, which they refine.
 2 Iron is taken out of the earth,
 And the stone is smelted into brass.
 3 He putteth an end to darkness,
 And to every extremity he searcheth,
 The stone of darkness and of the shadow of death.
 4 He breaketh open a passage out of the mountain;

Forgotten of the foot,
 They are suspended, they wander from men.
 The earth, out of which cometh food, 5
 In its lowermost parts is turned up as by fire.
 Its stones are the place of the sapphire, 6
 Which has grains of gold.
This path the bird of prey knoweth not, 7
 The eye of the vulture hath not glanced upon it;
 Wild beasts have not trodden it, 8
 The lion hath not passed along it.
 On the flinty rock he putteth forth his hand, 9
 He turneth up mountains from the roots.
 He cutteth out channels in the rocks: 10
 Thus his eye seeth every precious thing.
 He restraineth the streams from oozing, 11
 And that which was hidden, he bringeth to light.
 But Wisdom! where shall that be found? 12
 And where is the place of Understanding?
 Man knoweth not its price, 13
 Nor can it be found in the land of the living.
 The Deep saith, 'It is not in me;' 14
 And the Sea saith, 'It is not with me.'
 Gold shall not be given for it, 15
 Nor shall silver be weighed as its worth.
 It cannot be purchased with the gold of Ophir, 16
 For the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
 Gold or crystal cannot be its price; 17
 Nor its barter, jewels of fine gold.
 Coral or the beryl shall not be mentioned, 18
 And the weight of Wisdom is more than that of pearls.
 The topaz of Cush shall not be its price; 19
 With pure gold it shall not be purchased.
 Wisdom! whence, then, shall it come, 20
 And where is the place of Understanding?
 Since it is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, 21
 And concealed from the birds of the heavens.
 Destruction and Death say, 22
 'With our ears we have heard the report of it.'
 God understandeth the way of it, 23
 And he knoweth its place.
 For he looketh to the ends of the earth; 24
 What is under the whole heavens he seeth.
 When he appointed the weight of the wind, 25

And disposed the seas by measure ;
 26 When he gave laws to the rain,
 And a way for the lightning of the thunder ;
 27 Then he saw it, and declared it ;
 He prepared it, and also searched it out.
 28 But to Man he said,
 ‘Lo, the fear of the Lord, that is Wisdom,
 And to depart from evil is Understanding.’”

1 CHAP. XXIX.—And Job renewed his discourse, and
 said :
 2 “Oh that I were as in months past,
 As in the days when God preserved me.
 3 When his lamp shone above my head,
When by his light, I walked in darkness.
 4 As I was in the days of my prosperity,
 When the counsel of God was over my tent.
 5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
When my children were around me.
 6 When I washed my steps in milk,
 And the rock poured forth for me rivers of oil.
 7 When I went forth from *my* gate into the city,
When in the open place I fixed my seat,
 8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves ;
 And the aged men arose and stood up.
 9 Princes restrained their speeches,
 And placed their hand upon their mouth.
 10 The nobles suffered not *their* voice to be heard,
 And their tongue clave to the roof of their mouth.
 11 When the ear heard *me*, it blessed me ;
 And when the eye saw *me*, it praised me ;
 12 Because I delivered the poor man who cried,
 And the fatherless, and him who had no helper.
 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me,
 And I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy.
 14 I put on equity, and it clothed me as a robe ;
 And *as* a turban was my justice.
 15 Eyes was I to the blind,
 And feet was I to the lame.
 16 A father was I to the needy ;
 And the cause which I knew not I searched out.
 17 And I brake the tusks of the unjust man,
 And from his teeth I snatched the prey.

And I said, 'In my nest I shall expire, 18
 And like the sand I shall multiply my days.
 My root will lie open to the waters, 19
 And the dew will lodge all night upon my branches.
 My glory will be ever fresh with me, 20
 And my bow will be renewed in my hand.'
 They heard me and waited, 21
 And were silent for my counsel.
 After I had spoken, they spake not again; 22
 And my speech dropped upon them;
 And they waited for me as for the rain, 23
 And they opened their mouth, as for the latter rain.
 If I smiled upon them, they could not believe it; 24
 And the light of my countenance they caused not to fall.
 I chose their way, and I sat the chief, 25
 And dwelt *with them*, as a king amongst his troops,
 As one who comforteth mourners.

CHAP. XXX.—“But now they deride me, who are younger 1
 than I,

Whose fathers I would have disdained
 To place with the dogs of my flock.
 Even the strength of their hands, what was it to me? 2
 Whose full age was wasted away.
 Through want and extreme famine, 3
 They gnawed bare the desert,
 Of old time an utter desolation,
 Cropping the salt herbs among the bushes, 4
 And the root of the broom, for their food.
 From the midst of men they were driven away, 5
 They cried after them as *after* a thief;
 That they might dwell in frightful valleys, 6
 In caves and dens of the earth.
 Amidst the bushes they brayed; 7
 Under the thorns they gathered themselves together.
 Worthless, base-born men, 8
 Scourged out of the land.
 But now I am their song, 9
 I am even their by-word.
 They abhor me, they fly far from me, 10
 And they refrain not from spitting before my face.
 For they have loosed their cord, and afflicted me, 11
 They also have cast away the bridle before me.

- 12 At my right hand the brood arise ;
They push away my feet,
And they east up against me their ways of destruction.
- 13 They break up my path,
My calamity they help forward :
They have no one to help them.
- 14 As by a wide breach they come *upon me* ;
With loud noise they roll themselves against me.
- 15 Terrors are turned upon me ;
They pursue my dignity as a wind,
And as a cloud my welfare hath passed away.
- 16 And now my soul is poured out within me :
Days of affliction have taken hold of me.
- 17 By night my bones are pierced within me ;
And my gnawing *pains* take no rest.
- 18 By the great force of my disease my garment is changed :
Like the border of my vest it bindeth me.
- 19 He hath cast me into the mud,
And I am become like dust and ashes.
- 20 I cry to thee, but thou answerest me not :
I persevere, but thou lookest calmly upon me.
- 21 Thou art turned to be cruel to me ;
With the strength of thy hand thou opposest me.
- 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind, thou makest me to ride
upon it,
And thou causest my comfort to melt away.
- 23 Truly, I know that thou art bringing me to death,
And to the house of assembling for all the living.
- 24 Yet let Him not put forth his hand to the grave,
Since in his destruction men have safety.
- 25 Did I not weep for the miserable ?
Was not my soul grieved for the needy ?
- 26 Yet when I expected good, then came evil ;
And I looked for light, but darkness came.
- 27 My bowels boil, and cease not,
Days of affliction come upon me.
- 28 I go about black, but not through heat ;
I stand in the assembly, I cry aloud.
- 29 I am a brother to sea jackals,
And a companion to ostriches.
- 30 My skin is become black upon me,
And my bones are burned with heat.

My harp is also turned to mourning, 31
And my pipes to the voice of weepers.

CHAP. XXXI.—“I made a covenant with mine eyes; 1
How, then, should I gaze upon a maiden?

For what *would have been* my portion from God above, 2
And my inheritance from the Almighty, on high?

Is not calamity for the wicked, 3

And misery for the workers of iniquity?

Doth not he see my ways, 4

And number all my steps?

If I have walked with falsehood, 5

And my foot hath hastened to deceit;

Let him weigh me in a just balance, 6

And let God know my integrity.

If my step hath turned from the right way, 7

And my heart hath gone after mine eyes,

And a stain hath cleaved to my hands;

May I sow, and another eat! 8

And may my produce be rooted up!

If my heart hath been allured towards a married woman, 9

So that at the door of my neighbour I have lain in wait,

Let my wife grind for another, 10

And over her let others bow down.

For this would be a shameful deed, 11

And it would be an iniquity for the judges.

Truly, this would be a fire devouring to destruction, 12

And all my substance it would utterly destroy.

If I have despised the cause of my man-servant or my 13
maid-servant,

When they would contend with me;

Then what should I do, should God rise up, 14

And should he make inquisition, what should I answer
him?

Did not he who made me in the womb, make him? 15

And did not One form us in the womb?

If I have withholden the poor from their desire, 16

Or caused the eyes of the widow to pine away,

Or have eaten my morsel alone, 17

And the orphan hath not eaten of it:

(Verily from my youth *he* hath grown up with me as with 18
a father;

- From the womb of my mother, I have guided *her*;)
 19 If I have seen one perishing for want of clothing,
 And a poor man who had no covering;
 20 If his loins did not bless me,
 And he was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
 21 If I have shaken my hand over the orphan,
 When I saw my help in the gate;
 22 Let my shoulder-blade fall from my shoulder,
 And the bone of my arm be broken!
 23 For a terror to me was calamity from the Almighty,
 And by reason of his majesty, I durst not *do thus*.
 24 If I have made gold my hope,
 Or to fine gold have said, 'My confidence!'
 25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great,
 And because my hand had acquired much;
 26 If I have looked upon the sun when it was shining,
 Or the moon walking in its brightness,
 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
 And my mouth hath kissed my hand;
 28 This also were an iniquity for my judge;
 For I should have denied the God above.
 29 If I have rejoiced at the calamity of him who hated me,
 And triumphed when evil had befallen him;
 30 But I permitted not *even* my mouth to sin,
 By wishing curses upon him.
 31 If the men of my tent have not said,
 'Who can shew one that hath not been satisfied with his
 meat?'
 32 In the street the stranger lodged not,
 I opened my door to the traveller.
 33 If I have covered my transgression like Adam,
 Hiding in my own bosom my iniquity;
 34 Because I feared the great assembly,
 And the contempt of the families alarmed me,
 So that I was dumb, and went not forth from my door—
 35 Oh that he would hear me!
 Behold my signature;—Let the Almighty answer me,
 And let my adversary write a bill of accusation!
 36 I would take it upon my shoulder,
 I would bind it about me as a diadem.
 37 The number of my steps I would declare to him;
 Like a prince I would approach him.
 38 If my land crieth out against me,

And its furrows also weep ;
 If I have eaten its produce without pay, 39
 And caused the spirit of the hirelings to fail ;
 Instead of wheat, let the bramble grow, 40
 And instead of barley, the aconite !”

The words of Job are ended.

CHAP. XXXII.—So these three men ceased to answer 1
 Job, because he was just in his own eyes.

Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, 2
 of the kindred of Ram, was kindled ; against Job was his
 wrath kindled, because he made himself more just than
 God. Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, 3
 because they had found no answer, although they had con-
 demned Job. Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, 4
 because they were older than he. But when Elihu saw that 5
 there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then
 his wrath was kindled. And Elihu, the son of Barachel the 6
 Buzite, answered, and said :

“ I am young, and ye are old ;
 Wherefore I drew back, and was afraid
 To shew you my opinion.
 I said, ‘ Days should speak, 7
 And the multitude of years should make known wis-
 dom.’
 But that spirit which is in Man, 8
 Even the breath of the Almighty, giveth them under-
 standing.
 Those of many *days* are not *always* wise ; 9
 Nor do the aged *always* understand judgment.
 Therefore, I say, Hearken to me ; 10
 I also will shew my opinion.
 Lo, I have listened patiently to your words, 11
 I have hearkened to your reasonings,
 Whilst ye were searching after speeches.
 But while I attended to you, 12
 Lo, no one of you refuted Job,
 No one of you answered his words.
 Say not, ‘ We have found out wisdom : 13
 God must confute him, not man.’
 Now, he hath not directed his speeches against me ; 14
 Nor with your words will I answer him.

- 15 They are confounded ; they speak no more ;
 Words are removed from them.
 16 Should I yet wait because they speak not ?
 Because they are at a stand and answer no more ?
 17 I, also, will answer in my turn ;
 I, also, will shew my opinion.
 18 For I am full of matter ;
 The spirit within me urgeth me.
 19 Lo, my breast is as wine which hath no vent ;
 Like new skins, it is ready to burst.
 20 I will speak that I may be relieved :
 I will open my lips, and will answer.
 21 I will accept no man's person ;
 Nor will I flatter *any* man.
 22 Truly, I know not how to flatter ;
 Speedily my Maker might take me away.

- 1 CHAP. XXXIII.—“ Therefore, hear now, O Job, my
 speech,
 And hearken to all my words.
 2 Lo, now, I open my mouth,
 My tongue speaketh in my palate.
 3 According to the uprightness of my heart shall be my
 words ;
 And my lips shall utter knowledge purely.
 4 The spirit of God hath made me,
 And the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
 5 If thou art able, answer me ;
 Array thyself before me, stand up ;
 6 Lo I, like thee, am God's ;
 From clay I also have been formed.
 7 Lo, thy fear of me shall not terrify thee,
 Nor shall my hand be heavy upon thee.
 8 Surely thou hast said in my hearing,
 And the voice of thy words I have heard,
 9 ‘ I am pure, free from transgression,
 I am clean, and no iniquity is in me.
 10 Lo, He inventeth accusations against me ;
 He accounteth me his enemy ;
 11 He putteth my feet into the stocks,
 He guardeth all my ways.’
 12 Lo, in this thou art not just, I will answer thee :
 Truly, God is greater than man ;

Why dost thou contend with him ?	13
For of none of his ways will he give account.	
Surely, once God speaketh,	14
Yea a second time ; but <i>man</i> doth not consider.	
In a dream, a vision of the night,	15
When deep sleep falleth upon men,	
In slumberings on <i>their</i> bed,	
Then he openeth the ear of man,	16
And setteth a seal upon their instruction,	
That he may turn a man aside from his doings,	17
And hide pride from the mighty man.	
He keepeth him back from the pit,	18
And his life from passing away by the dart.	
He is chastened also by pain upon his bed,	19
And perpetual is the conflict of his bones ;	
So that his life abhorreth food,	20
And his soul, dainty meats.	
His flesh is consumed so that it cannot be seen,	21
And his bones, that were not seen, stick out.	
So his soul draweth near to the pit,	22
And his life to those who are dead.	
If there be near him a messenger,	23
An interpreter, one of a thousand,	
To shew to the man his duty ;	
Then He is gracious to him, and saith,	24
‘ Deliver him from going down to the pit ;	
I have found an atonement.’	
His flesh becometh fresher than a child’s ;	25
He returneth to the days of his youth.	
He shall pray to God, who will be favourable to him ;	26
And he shall see his face with the shout of joy ;	
And he will restore to a man his righteousness.	
He shall sing before men, and say,	27
‘ I had sinned, and that which was right I had perverted ;	
Yet he treated me not as I deserved :	
He delivered my soul from passing to the pit,	28
So that my life beholdeth the light.’	
Lo, all these things doeth God,	29
Twice, thrice, with man,	
To bring him back from the pit,	30
To be enlightened with the light of the living.	
Mark well, O Job, hear me,	31
Be silent, and I will speak.	

- 32 If thou hast anything to say, answer me :
 Speak, for I desire to justify thee.
 33 If not, hear thou me ;
 Be silent, and I will teach thee wisdom."

- 1 CHAP. XXXIV.—And Elihu continued *his discourse*, and
 said :
 2 "Hear, ye wise men, my speech ;
 And ye who have knowledge, hearken to me :
 3 For the ear trieth speech,
 As the palate tasteth food.
 4 Let us choose for ourselves what is right ;
 Let us know among ourselves what is good.
 5 For Job hath said, 'I am righteous,
 But God hath turned aside my cause.
 6 Though I am right, I am treated as a liar :
 Mortal is my wound without transgression.'
 7 What man is like Job ?
 He drinketh scoffing like water ;
 8 He goeth in company with the workers of iniquity,
 And he walketh with wicked men.
 9 For he hath said, 'It profiteth not a man
 That he should render himself acceptable with God.'
 10 Therefore, ye men of understanding, hear me :
 Far from God be wickedness,
 And from the Almighty, iniquity !
 11 For the work of a man he will recompense to him,
 And according to the way of a man he will render to him.
 12 Surely, God will not act wickedly,
 Nor will the Almighty pervert judgment.
 13 Who hath given the earth in charge to him,
 And who disposed the whole world ?
 14 If he were to set his heart against him,
 If he should recall his spirit and his breath,
 15 All flesh would expire together,
 And man would return to dust.
 16 If, then, thou hast understanding, hear this ;
 Harken to the voice of my words :
 17 Is it, truly, one who hateth right that ruleth ?
 And him who is most just wilt thou condemn ?
 18 Who saith to a king, '*Thou art* worthless ;'
 To nobles, '*Ye are* wicked ;'
 19 Who accepteth not the persons of princes,

Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor ;
 For they are all the work of his hands.
 In a moment they die ; and at midnight 20
 The people are troubled, and pass away,
 And the mighty are removed by no *mortal* hand.
 For his eyes are on the ways of a man, 21
 And all his steps he seeth.
 There is no darkness, and no shadow of death, 22
 Where the workers of iniquity can hide themselves.
 Truly, he doth not long consider man, 23
 When he is to enter with God into judgment.
 He breaketh down the mighty without inquiry, 24
 And maketh others to stand in their place.
 Because he knoweth their works, 25
 He overturneth them in a night, and they are destroyed.
 As wicked men he smiteth them, 26
 In the place of beholders,
 Because they turned aside from following him, 27
 And none of his ways would they understand ;
 So that they caused the cry of the poor man to reach him, 28
 And the cry of the afflicted he hath heard.
 He also giveth quiet, and who will condemn ? 29
 And when he hideth the face, who can behold it ?
 Both with respect to a nation, and to a man, alike ;
 That a profane man may not reign, 30
 That a people may not be ensnared.
 For hath he said to God, 31
 ' I have suffered, I will not offend :
 What I see not, teach thou me, 32
 If I have done evil, I will do so no more ' ?
 According to thy mind shall he requite it ? 33
 For thou hast rejected it ;
 For thou must choose, not I.
 Yet what thou knowest, speak.
 Men of understanding will assent to me, 34
 And a wise man will hear me.
 Job speaketh without knowledge, 35
 And his words are without wisdom.
 I would that Job should be proved till he become pure, 36
 Because his answers are those of iniquitous men.
 For he hath added to his sin transgression ; 37
 In the midst of us he clappeth his hands,
 And he multiplieth his words against God."

1 CHAP. XXXV.—And Elihu continued *his discourse*, and said :

2 “Dost thou account this right ?
 Thou saidst, ‘I am more righteous than God.’
 3 For thou saidst, ‘What profit will it be to thee ?
 What advantage shall I have more than if I had sinned ?’
 4 I will answer thee,
 And thy friends together with thee.
 5 Look to the heavens, and see,
 And observe the clouds which are higher than thou.
 6 If thou sin, what doest thou against Him ?
 Even if thy transgressions be many, what doest thou to
 Him ?
 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou to Him ?
 Or what receiveth He from thy hand ?
 8 A man like thyself thy wickedness *may affect*,
 And a son of man thy righteousness.
 9 Through the multitude *of the oppressors*, the oppressed cry ;
 They cry aloud on account of the power of the mighty.
 10 But no one saith, ‘Where is God my Maker,
 Who giveth songs in the night ;
 11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
 And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven ?’
 12 Hence they cry, (but He answereth not,)
 From the pride of evil men.
 13 Surely, God will not hear vanity,
 Nor will the Almighty regard it.
 14 Although thou sayest that thou seest him not,
 Justice is before him ; therefore thou shouldest wait for
 him.
 15 But now, because his anger hath not visited,
 And he hath not noticed excess of pride,
 16 Therefore, Job hath opened his mouth with vanity,
 Since he hath no knowledge, he hath boldly uttered words.”

1 CHAP. XXXVI.—And Elihu proceeded, and said :

2 “Suffer me a little, while I teach thee,
 For I have yet words on behalf of God.
 3 I will bring my knowledge from afar,
 And to my Maker I will ascribe righteousness.
 4 For, truly, my words are not falsehood,
 One who is upright in knowledge is with thee.
 5 Lo, God is mighty, yet he will not despise *any* ;

Mighty in strength of understanding !
 He preserveth not the life of the wicked ; 6
 But he administereth justice to the poor.
 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous, 7
 But with kings on the throne *he establisheth them* ;
 Yea, he establisheth them for ever, and they are exalted.
 And if, being bound in fetters, 8
 They are taken in cords of affliction ;
 Then he declareth to them their *evil* work, 9
 And their transgressions in having behaved proudly.
 And he openeth their ear to instruction, 10
 And commandeth them to turn from iniquity.
 If they obey and serve *him*, 11
 They spend their days in prosperity,
 And their years in pleasures.
 But if they will not obey, 12
 They pass away by the dart,
 And they expire without knowledge.
 But the profane of heart lay up for themselves wrath. 13
 They cry not *to God* when he bindeth them.
 They die in youth, 14
 Their life is amongst the impure.
 He delivereth the afflicted in their affliction, 15
 And openeth their ear by oppression.
 Even so would he have removed thee from a strait place, 16
 Into a broad place, where is no straitness ;
 And thy table should have been well furnished with fatted
 things.
 But thou art completing the judgment of the wicked : 17
 Judgment and justice take hold of thee.
 Truly, there is wrath ; beware lest He take thee away by a 18
 stroke ;
 Then a large ransom will not deliver thee.
 Will He value thy riches ? 19
 Not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
 Long not for the night, 20
 When peoples disappear from their places.
 Beware that thou turn not to iniquity ; 21
 For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.
 Lo, God is exalted by his strength : 22
 Who, like him, giveth law ?
 Who hath enjoined on him his way ? 23
 And who will say, ‘Thou hast wrought iniquity’ ?

- 24 Remember that thou exalt his work,
 Which mortal men behold.
 25 All men see it with delight;
 Mortals look upon it from afar.
 26 Lo, God is exalted, and we know him not;
 The number of his years cannot be searched out.
 27 When he hath drawn up the drops of water,
 They pour down rain for his moisture,
 28 Which the clouds distil;
 They fall down upon man abundantly.
 29 Can any one, indeed, understand the spreading of the
 clouds,
 The noise of his tent?
 30 Lo, he spreadeth around him his light,
 And the roots of the sea he covereth.
 31 Truly by these he judgeth peoples;
By these he giveth food in great abundauce.
 32 In his hands he concealeth the lightning;
 And giveth it charge as to that which opposeth;
 33 His thunder telleth concerning him,
 The zeal of his wrath against iniquity.

- 1 CHAP. XXXVII.—“Truly, at this my heart trembleth,
 And is moved out of its place.
 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice,
 And the sound which proceedeth from his mouth.
 3 Under the whole heavens is its flash,
 And its light to the extremities of the earth.
 4 After it, *his* voice roareth,
 He thundereth with his mighty voice;
 And keepeth them not back when his voice is heard.
 5 God thundereth with his voice marvellously;
 Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.
 6 When he saith to the snow, ‘Be on the earth,’
 And to the great rain, even the great rains of his strength;
 7 He sealeth up the hand of every man,
 That all whom he has made may acknowledge him.
 8 Then the wild beasts go into their lurking places,
 And abide within their dens.
 9 From the south cometh the whirlwind;
 And from the north, cold.
 10 By the breath of God frost is given,
 And the broad waters become solid.

Serene weather removeth the thick cloud, 11
 Its light scattereth the cloud.
 Thus he maketh *the seasons* to return according to his 12
 counsels;
 That they may do all that he giveth them in charge,
 On the face of the habitable earth;
 Whether for the correction of his earth, 13
 Or for kindness, he causeth it to come.
 Harken to this, O Job; stand, 14
 And consider the wonderful works of God.
 Dost thou know how God ordaineth them, 15
 And causeth the light of his cloud to shine?
 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, 16
 The wonders of perfect knowledge?
 How thy garments are warm, 17
 When he bringeth a calm upon the land from the south?
 Canst thou, like him, spread out the sky, 18
 Firm as a molten mirror?
 Make known to us what we should say to him; 19
 We cannot set *our words* in order through darkness.
 Shall it be told him, that I would speak? 20
 If any one should say it, surely he would be swallowed up.
 And now the light is not seen, 21
 Though it be shining amongst the clouds;
 But a wind is passing through, and will make them clear.
 From the north brightness will come. 22
 Around God is terrible majesty!
 The Almighty! We cannot find him out. 23
 Exalted in power and in judgment,
 Abounding in justice, he doth not oppress.
 Therefore men should revere him; 24
 He looketh not on any that are wise in heart."

CHAP. XXXVIII.—Then Jchovah spake to Job from 1
 the whirlwind, and said:

"Who is this that darkeneth counsel 2
 By words without knowledge?
 Gird up, now, thy loins like a mighty man; 3
 I will question thee, and do thou inform me.
 Where wast thou when I founded the earth? 4
 Declare, since thou hast understanding!
 Who appointed its measure? since thou knowest; 5
 Or who stretched over it the line?

- 6 On what are its foundations sunk ;
Or who laid its corner-stone,
7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy ?
8 And who shut up the sea with doors,
When it brake forth issuing from the womb ?
9 When I made a cloud its vesture,
And thick darkness its swathing-band ;
10 When I brake up for it my decreed *place*,
And placed a bar and gates,
11 And said, ‘ Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further,
And here shall the pride of thy waves be stayed.’
12 Since thy days began, hast thou given charge to the
morning ;
Hast thou caused the dawn to know its place ;
13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
That the wicked might be driven out of it ?
14 It is changed as clay by the seal,
When they present themselves as its clothing.
15 Then their light is withholden from the wicked,
And the high-raised arm is broken.
16 Hast thou gone to the sources of the sea,
And in search of the deep hast thou walked ?
17 Have the gates of death been disclosed to thee,
And the gates of the shadow of death hast thou seen ?
18 Hast thou discerned the breadth of the earth ?
Declare, since thou knowest it all !
19 Which is the way to the place where light dwelleth ?
And darkness, where is its place ?
20 That thou shouldest lead each to its boundary,
And that thou shouldest discern the paths to its house.
21 Thou must know, since thou wast then born ;
And the number of thy days !—they are many !
22 Hast thou gone to the treasures of snow,
And the treasures of hail hast thou seen,
23 Which I reserve for a time of trouble,
For a season of battle and of war ?
24 Where is the way by which lightning is portioned out ;
By which the east wind is diffused over the earth ?
25 Who hath opened a channel for the overflowing waters ;
And a way for the bolt of the thunder ;
26 To give rain upon a land where no one is,
The desert, in which there is no man ;

To water abundantly the barren and desolate place ;	27
And to cause the bud of the herbage to spring forth ?	
Hath the rain a father ?	28
Or who hath begotten the drops of the dew ?	
From whose womb cometh forth ice,	29
And the hoar frost of heaven, who hath begotten it ?	
As with a stone the waters are concealed,	30
And the face of the deep is fettered.	
Canst thou restrain the sweet influences of the Pleiades, 31	
Or loosen the bands of Orion ?	
Canst thou bring forth the Signs in their season ?	32
Or canst thou lead The Bear and his sons ?	
Knowest thou the statutes of the heavens ?	33
Or canst thou appoint their dominion over the earth ?	
Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,	34
And will an abundance of water cover thee ?	
Canst thou send forth the lightnings, and will they go ;	35
And will they say to thee, ' Here we are ' ?	
Who hath put wisdom in the wandering lights ?	36
Or who hath given to meteors discernment ?	
Who can number the clouds by wisdom,	37
And the bottles of the heavens, who can pour forth,	
When the dust floweth together,	38
So that the clods cleave to each other ?	
Wilt thou take the prey for the lioness ?	39
And the appetite of the young lions wilt thou satisfy ?	
When they couch in their dens,	40
<i>When</i> they abide in the covert, lying in wait.	
Who prepareth for the raven his food,	41
When his young cry to ' God,	
<i>When</i> they wander for want of meat ?	

CHAP. XXXIX.—“ Knowest thou the season when the 1
rock-goats bring forth ?

Dost thou watch over the calving of the hinds ?	
Dost thou number the months which they complete ?	2
And knowest thou the season of their bringing forth ?	
<i>When</i> they bow themselves, when they cause their young to 3 burst forth,	
When they cast away their pangs ?	
Their young ones thrive, they grow up in the desert,	4
They go forth, and return not to them.	
Who sendeth forth the wild mule free ;	5

And who looseth the bands of the wild ass?

6 To whom I have appointed the desert for a habitation,
And the salt-tracts for his dwelling-places.

7 He laugheth at the tumult of the city,
The cry of a driver he heareth not.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searcheth after every green herb.

9 Will the buffalo be willing to serve thee?
Will he lodge in thy stall?

10 Canst thou bind the buffalo in the furrow by his cord?
Will he harrow the ridges after thee?

11 Wilt thou have confidence in him because his strength is
great?

And wilt thou commit to him thy labour?

12 Canst thou trust to him that he will bring in thy seed,
And collect it on thy threshing-floor?

13 The wing of the ostrich quivereth joyfully;
Is it a kindly pinion and feather?

14 *Nay*, but she leaveth in the earth her eggs,
And upon the sand she warmeth them.

15 And she forgetteth that the foot may crush them,
Or that the wild beast may trample on them.

16 She hardeneth herself against her young ones, as not her
own;

Her labour is vain, without anxiety.

17 For God hath made her destitute of wisdom,
And hath not imparted to her understanding.

18 When raising herself, she urgeth her course,
She laugheth at the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given to the horse strength?

Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Hast thou made him to bound as a locust?

The force of his snorting is terrible.

21 He paweth the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength;

He would go forth to meet the armed warrior.

22 He laugheth at terror, and is not dismayed;

Neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 Against him rattleth the quiver,

The flame of the spear and the javelin.

24 With agitation and trembling he swalloweth the ground,

And he cannot be at rest when there is the sound of the
trumpet.

25 At the full blast of the trumpet, he saith, 'Aha!'

And from afar he smelleth the battle,
The thunder of the chieftains, and the shouting.

By thy understanding doth the hawk fly, 26
Spreading his wings towards the south?
At thy bidding doth the eagle soar aloft, 27
Building his nest on high?
On a rock he lodgeth and abideth, 28
On a craggy rock and a cliff.
Thence he exploret h his food, 29
From afar his eyes behold it.
His young ones also suck up blood, 30
And where the slain are, there is he."

CHAP. XL.—And Jehovah spake again to Job, and said: 1
"Will he who blameth contend with the Almighty? 2
Let him who reproveth God, answer."

Then Job answered Jehovah, and said: 3
"Lo, I am of no account, what shall I reply to thee? 4
I put my hand upon my mouth.
Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; 5
And twice; but I will say no more."

Then Jehovah spake again to Job out of the whirlwind, 6
and said:

"Gird up thy loins, now, like a mighty man; 7
I will ask thee, and do thou inform me.
Wilt thou annul my judgment? 8
Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be acquitted?
Hast thou, then, an arm like God? 9
And canst thou thunder with a voice like him?
Adorn thyself, now, with majesty and dignity; 10
And with glory and beauty clothe thyself.
Pour forth the fury of thy wrath; 11
And look on every one that is proud, and bring him low.
Look on every one who is proud, make him bow down; 12
And break in pieces the wicked in their place.
Hide them in the dust together, 13
Bind their faces in secret.
Then I also will confess to thee, 14
That thy own right-hand can save thee.

Behold, now, the river-horse, which I made as well as thee; 15
He eateth grass like an ox.

- 16 Behold, now, his strength is in his loins,
 And his vigour in the muscles of his belly.
 17 He erecteth his tail like a cedar :
 The sinews of his thighs are knit together.
 18 His bones are pipes of brass ;
 His strong bones are bars of iron.
 19 He is the chief of the ways of God.
 His Maker hath furnished him with his sword.
 20 Surely, the mountains bring forth provender for him,
 Where all the beasts of the field play.
 21 Under the lotus trees he lieth,
 In the covert of reeds and in mire.
 22 The lotus trees cover him with their shade ;
 The willows of the brook surround him.
 23 Lo, should the river press upon *him*, he would not hasten
 away ;
 He would be confident, though Jordan should break forth
 even to his mouth.
 24 In his sight can any one take him ?
 When in the snares will any one pierce his nose ?

- 1 CHAP. XLI.—“ Canst thou draw out the crocodile with
 a hook ;
 Or fasten a cord about his tongue ?
 2 Canst thou put a rush into his nose ;
 Or pierce his jaw with an iron ring ?
 3 Will he make many supplications to thee ?
 Will he speak soothing words to thee ?
 4 Will he make a covenant with thee ?
 Canst thou take him as a servant for ever ?
 5 Canst thou play with him as with a bird ?
 Canst thou bind him for thy maidens ?
 6 Will the companies of *merchants* purchase him ?
 Will they divide him among the traders ?
 7 Canst thou fill his skin with harpoons,
 And his head with fish-spears ?
 8 Fix thy hand upon him,
 Be mindful of the battle, thou wilt not repeat it !
 9 Lo, the expectation of him will prove deceitful :
 At the very sight of him, will not a man fall ?
 10 No one is so fierce as to rouse him up.
 Who, then, is he who can stand up before Me ?

Who hath done me a service that I should repay him ?	11
Whatever is under the whole heavens is mine.	
I will not pass over in silence his limbs,	12
Nor his might, nor the comeliness of his frame.	
Who will unclothe the surface of his garment ?	13
Who will come within his double jaws ?	
The doors of his face who can open ?	14
All around his teeth is terror.	
His back is the strength of shields,	15
Shut as with a close seal.	
One is near to another,	16
And the wind cannot pass between them.	
They cleave one to another,	17
They are fastened together, they cannot be separated.	
When he snorteth, a light shineth,	18
And his eyes are as the eyelids of the dawn.	
From his mouth go forth firebrands,	19
Sparks of fire spring out.	
From his nostrils goeth forth smoke,	20
As from a boiling cauldron of heated water.	
His breath enkindleth flakes of fire,	21
And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.	
In his neck lodgeth Strength,	22
And Terror runneth before him.	
The flakes of his flesh cleave together :	23
It is firm upon him, it cannot be moved.	
His heart is firm as a stone,	24
Yea, firm as a nether mill-stone.	
When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid ;	25
In their trepidation they mistake their way.	
The sword of him who attacks him will not stand ;	26
The spear, the dart, and the pike.	
He esteemeth iron as straw,	27
Brass as rotten wood.	
The arrow will not put him to flight,	28
Stones from the sling are to him stubble ;	
The club is esteemed as stubble by him,	29
And he laugheth at the shaking of the spear.	
Under him are sharp potsherds ;	30
He spreadeth under him spikes on the mud.	
He maketh the deep to boil like a cauldron,	31
He maketh the lake like a vessel of ointment.	

- 32 Behind him he maketh *his* track to shine ;
 One would think the deep to be hoary.
 33 On earth there is nothing like him,
 He is made without fear :
 34 Every high thing he seeth ;
 He is king over all the sons of rapine."

- 1 CHAP. XLII.—Then Job answered Jehovah, and said :
 2 "I know that thou canst do all things ;
 And that no purpose of thine can be hindered.
 3 'Who is this that hideth counsel through want of know-
 ledge ?'
 Surely I have spoken, but have not understood,
 Things too wonderful for me, which I know not.
 4 'Hear now, and I will speak ;
 I will ask thee, and do thou inform me.'
 5 By the hearing of the ear I had heard of thee ;
 But now my eye seeth thee ;
 6 Wherefore, I abhor *my words*,
 And repent in dust and ashes."

- 7 Now when Jehovah had spoken these words to Job, Jeho-
 vah said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My wrath is kindled
 against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not
 8 spoken rightly of me, like my servant Job. Now, then,
 take for yourselves seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to
 my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering ;
 and my servant Job shall pray for you, for him will I accept ;
 that I deal not with you according to your folly ; for ye have
 9 not spoken rightly of me, like my servant Job." So Eliphaz
 the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuite, and Zophar the Naama-
 thite, went, and did according as Jehovah commanded them :
 10 Jehovah also accepted Job. And Jehovah repaired the cala-
 mities of Job, when he had prayed for his friends: also Jeho-
 11 vah gave to Job twice as much as he had before. Then all
 his brethren, and all his sisters, and all his former acquaint-
 ance came to him, and ate bread with him in his house ; and
 they condoled with him, and comforted him concerning all
 the evil that Jehovah had brought upon him: every one also
 gave him a piece of money, and every one a jewel of gold.
 12 So Jehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than his be-
 ginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thou-

sand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. He had also seven sons, and three daughters. ¹³ And he called the name of the first Jemima; [DAYS;] and ¹⁴ the name of the second, Kezia; [CASSIA;] and the name of the third, Keren-happuch; [HORN OF STIBIUM.] And in all ¹⁵ the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them an inheritance among their brethren. After this Job lived a hundred and forty years, ¹⁶ and saw his sons, and the sons of his sons, four generations. So Job died, being old and full of days. ¹⁷

THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

PSALM I.

- 1 HAPPY the man
 Who walketh not in the counsel of the wicked,
 And standeth not in the way of sinners,
 And sitteth not in the seat of scorers ;
2 But his delight is in the law of Jehovah ;
 And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 For he shall be like a tree planted by streams of water,
 That yieldeth its fruit in its season,
 And whose leaf doth not wither :
 All that he doeth also shall prosper.
4 Not so the wicked ;
 But they are like chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore, the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
 Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous,
 But the way of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM II.

- 1 WHY are the nations tumultuous,
 And the peoples raging in vain ?
2 The kings of the earth assemble themselves,
 And the princes take counsel together,
 Against Jehovah, and against his anointed, *saying*,
3 “ Let us break asunder their bands,
 And cast away from us their cords.”
4 He who sitteth in the heavens will laugh ;
 Jehovah will have them in derision.
5 Then will he speak to them in his anger,
 And in his wrath he will confound them :

"I myself have anointed my King On Zion, my holy mountain."	6
I will declare the decree of Jehovah :	7
He said to me, "Thou art my son ; This day I have begotten thee.	
Ask of me, and I will give nations for thine inheritance,	8
And the uttermost parts of the land for thy possession.	
Thou shalt break them with a sceptre of iron ;	9
Like a potter's vessel, thou shalt dash them in pieces."	
Now, therefore, ye kings, be wise ;	10
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.	
Serve Jehovah with fear,	11
And rejoice with dread.	
Kiss the son, lest he be angry,	12
And ye perish in <i>your</i> way,	
When his anger burneth only for a short time.	
Happy are all they who trust in him.	

PSALM III.

A Psalm of David when he was fleeing from Absalom his son.

O JEHOVAH, how are mine enemies multiplied !	1
Many rise up against me ;	
Many say of me,	2
"There is no safety for him in God !"	
But thou, O Jehovah, art a shield about me ;	3
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.	
With my voice I cry to Jehovah,	4
And he answereth me from his holy mountain.	
I lie down and sleep ;	5
I awake, because Jehovah sustaineth me.	
I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people,	6
Who set themselves against me on every side.	
Arise, O Jehovah ! save me, O my God :	7
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies on the cheek-bone ;	
The teeth of the wicked thou hast broken.	
To Jehovah belongeth safety.	8
Thy blessing be upon thy people !	

PSALM IV.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Psalm of David.

ANSWER me when I call, O God of my righteousness !	1
In distress thou hast set me free ;	

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer !

2 Ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into shame ?

How long will ye love vanity, will ye seek after a lie ?

3 But know that Jehovah hath distinguished his holy one :
Jehovah will hear when I cry to him.

4 Tremble ye, and sin not :

Commune with your hearts on your bed, and be still.

5 Offer sacrifices of righteousness ;

And put your trust in Jehovah.

6 Many say, " Who will shew us good ? "

Cause the light of thy face to shine upon us, O Jehovah !

7 Thou hast put joy into my heart,

More than when their corn and their wine are increased.

8 In peace I both lie down and sleep ;

For thou alone, O Jehovah, canst make me dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

To the Chief Musician on the Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

1 GIVE ear to my words, O Jehovah,
Consider my complaint.

2 Attend to the voice of my cry, my king and my God !
For to thee I will pray.

3 O Jehovah, in the morning thou shalt hear my voice ;
In the morning I will address thee, and *to thee* I will look.

4 For thou art not a God delighting in the wicked ;
The evil man shall not dwell with thee.

5 Foolish men shall not stand in thy sight :
Thou hatest all the workers of iniquity.

6 Thou wilt destroy those who speak falsehood ;
The bloody and deceitful man Jehovah will abhor.

7 But I, in thine abundant kindness, will go to thy house ;
I will worship at thy holy temple in thy fear.

8 O Jehovah, lead me in thy righteousness, because of mine
enemies ;

Make thy way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in the mouth of any one of them ;
Their inmost thoughts are wickedness ;

Their throat is an open sepulchre ;

With their tongue they flatter.

10 Condemn them, O God ;

Let them fall by their own counsels ;

For the multitude of their transgressions drive them away,
 Because they have rebelled against thee.
 But let all who trust in thee rejoice ; 11
 Let them for ever sing for joy, and do thou protect them ;
 Let all those who love thy name exult in thee.
 For thou, O Jehovah, blessest the righteous ; 12
 With favour thou dost encompass him as with a shield.

PSALM VI.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth of eight strings.
 A Psalm of David.

O JEHOVAH, reprove me not in thine anger, 1
 Nor chasten me in thy wrath.
 Be favourable to me, O Jehovah, for I am feeble ; 2
 Heal me, O Jehovah, for my bones are troubled.
 I am exceedingly troubled ; 3
 But thou, O Jehovah,—how long ?
 Return, O Jehovah, deliver me : 4
 Save me for thy loving kindness' sake.
 For in death there is no remembrance of thee : 5
 In the grave, who shall praise thee ?
 I am weary with my groaning, 6
 Through the whole night I moisten my bed,
 I water my couch with my tears.
 Mine eye is consumed by grief, 7
 It groweth old because of all mine enemies.
 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, 8
 For Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping.
 Jehovah hath heard my supplication ; 9
 Jehovah hath accepted my prayer.
 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and exceedingly troubled ; 10
 Let them, in an instant, be again put to shame.

PSALM VII.

A mournful Psalm of David which he sang to Jehovah, concerning
 Cush, the Benjaminite.

O JEHOVAH, my God, in thee I trust : 1
 Save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me.
 Lest mine enemy, like a lion, seize me as his prey, 2
 Tearing me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
 O Jehovah, my God, if I have done this, 3
 If there be iniquity in my hands,

- 4 If I have requited evil to him who was at peace with me,
 If I have spoiled him who was, without cause, mine enemy ;
 5 Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake *it* ;
 And let him trample my life upon the ground,
 And lay my honour in the dust.
 6 Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger ;
 Lift thyself up against the wrath of mine enemies ;
 And rouse thyself for me to the judgment which thou hast
 commanded.
 7 Then shall the assembly of peoples surround thee,
 And for their sake, return to *thy* place on high.
 8 Jehovah judgeth the peoples :
 Decide my cause, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness,
 And according to my integrity *which is* in me.
 9 Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end ;
 But establish thou the just ;
 For thou triest the hearts and reins, O righteous God !
 10 My shield is with God,
 Who saveth the upright in heart.
 11 God judgeth righteously ;
 And is not continually angry.
 12 If *the wicked* turn not, he will whet his sword ;
 He will bend his bow, and make it ready.
 13 He prepareth for him the instruments of death ;
 He maketh his arrows for those who persecute.
 14 Lo, the wicked is in labour with iniquity,
 He hath conceived mischief,
 And he is bringing forth falsehood.
 15 He hath dug a pit, and made it deep,
 But he shall fall into the pit which he hath made.
 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
 And upon the crown of his head his violence shall descend.
 17 I will praise Jehovah according to his righteousness,
 And I will sing of the name of Jehovah Most High.

PSALM VIII.

To the Chief Musician upon the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O JEHOVAH, our Lord,
 How excellent is thy name in all the earth !
 Thou who hast displayed thy glory in the heavens.
 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, thou hast estab-
 lished praise,

On account of thine enemies ;
To silence the enemy and self-avenger.

When I behold the heavens, the work of thy fingers, 3
The moon and the stars, which thou hast formed,
What is man, that thou shouldest be mindful of him, 4
And the son of man, that thou shouldest take charge of him ?
Thou hast made him little lower than the angels, 5
And crowned him with glory and honour.
Thou hast made him to have dominion over the works of 6
thy hands :
Thou hast put all things under his feet ;
Sheep and oxen, all of them, 7
And even the beasts of the field ;
The fowls of the heavens, and the fishes of the sea, 8
Which pass through the paths of the sea.
O Jehovah our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the 9
earth !

PSALM IX.

To the Chief Musician on Muthleben. A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise *thee*, O Jehovah, with my whole heart ; 1
I will recount all thy marvellous deeds.
I will rejoice and exult in thee, 2
I will sing of thy name, O thou Most High.
When mine enemies turned back, 3
They stumbled, and perished at thy presence.
For thou hast maintained my right and my cause ; 4
Thou satest on the throne, judging righteously.
Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the 5
wicked,
Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever.
The desolations of the enemy are for ever ended ; 6
And thou hast destroyed *their* cities ; the memory of them-
selves has perished.
But Jehovah shall sit for ever : 7
He hath prepared his throne for judgment,
And he will judge the world in righteousness ; 8
He will administer justice to the peoples with equity.
Truly, Jehovah will be a refuge for the oppressed, 9
A refuge in times of trouble.
And they who know thy name will trust in thee ; 10
For thou forsakest not those who seek thee, O Jehovah.

- 11 Sing praise to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion ;
 Declare among the peoples his doings.
 12 Because he maketh inquisition of blood, he remembereth it ;
 He forgetteth not the cry of the distressed :
 13 " Be gracious to me, O Jehovah,
 Look upon my distress from those who hate me ;
 Raising me up from the gates of death,
 14 That I may rehearse all thy praise
 In the gates of the daughter of Zion :
 That I may exult in thy salvation."
- 15 The nations have sunk into the pit which they made :
 In the net which they concealed their own foot is taken.
 16 Jehovah is known by the judgment he hath executed :
 The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.
 17 The wicked shall be turned into the lowermost world ;
 All the nations that forget God.
 18 For not for ever shall the needy be forgotten ;
 The expectation of the afflicted shall not perish for ever.
 19 Arise, O Jehovah, and let not man prevail ;
 Let the nations be judged in thy presence.
 20 Put terror into them, O Jehovah ;
 Let the nations know that they are men.

PSALM X.

- 1 WHY standest thou afar off, O Jehovah ?
Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble ?
 2 By the haughtiness of the wicked the afflicted are distressed :
 They are taken in the devices which these have contrived.
 3 For the wicked man boasteth of the desire of his soul,
 And the covetous man blesseth *himself*.
 4 The wicked man despiseth Jehovah
 Through the pride of his countenance ; *saying—*
 " He maketh not inquisition ; God *careth* not "
 Every thing *is according to* his own devices ;
 5 His ways are at all times successful :
 Thy judgments are too high to be before him.
 He scorneth all his adversaries ;
 6 He saith in his heart, " I shall never be moved ; "
 Because he hath not been in adversity.
 7 His mouth is full of perjury, and deceit, and fraud ;
 Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.

He sitteth in ambush near the villages ; 8
 In secret places he murdereth the innocent.
 His eyes lie in wait for the miserable ;
 He lieth in wait secretly, as a lion in his den. 9
 He lieth in wait to seize the distressed :
 He seizeth the distressed, by dragging him into his net.
 He croucheth, he lieth close, 10
 That the miserable may fall by his strong ones.
 He saith in his heart, "God hath forgotten : 11
 He hideth his face ; he will never see."
 Arise, O Jehovah God, lift up thy hand ; 12
 Forget not the distressed.
 Why should the wicked condemn God ? 13
Why should he say in his heart, "Thou wilt not make
 inquisition ?"
 Thou seest ; surely thou beholdest mischief and malice ; 14
 That thou mayest requite it with thy hand.
 To thee the poor committeth himself ;
 Thou art the helper of the orphan :
 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man : 15
 Search out the wicked, till he be no more found.
 Let Jehovah be king for ever and ever : 16
 Let the nations perish out of his land.
 The desires of the distressed thou hearest, O Jehovah : 17
 Thou wilt establish their heart ; thou wilt incline thine ear,
 To do justice to the orphan and the oppressed ; 18
 That *the wicked* may no more drive men from the land.

PSALM XI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

IN Jehovah I put my trust : How say ye to me, 1
 "Flee to the mountains, as a bird ?"
 For lo, the wicked have bent the bow, 2
 They have fitted the arrow to the string,
 To shoot in secret at the upright in heart.
 When the foundations are destroyed, 3
 What can the righteous man do ?"
 Jehovah in his holy temple, 4
 Jehovah, whose throne is in the heavens,—
 His eyes behold, his eyelids try,
 The sons of men.
 Jehovah trieth the righteous, 5

But the wicked, and him who loveth violence his soul
hateth.

- 6 He will rain upon the wicked flakes of fire,
Sulphur, also, and a burning wind shall be the portion of
their cup.
- 7 For Jehovah *who is* righteous, loveth righteousness;
His face beholdeth the upright.

PSALM XII.

To the Chief Musician upon the Octachord. A Psalm of David.

- 1 SAVE *me*, O Jehovah, for the godly man faileth;
For the faithful cease from among the sons of men.
- 2 They speak falsehood every one to his neighbour:
With flattering lips, but with a double heart they speak.
- 3 May Jehovah cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaketh boastful things!
- 4 Of those who say, "By our tongue we shall prevail,
Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?"
- 5 "On account of the desolation of the poor,
On account of the moaning of the needy,
I will now arise," saith Jehovah,
"I will place in safety him who is scorned."
- 6 The words of Jehovah are pure words,
Silver tried in a crucible,
Purified from earth seven times.
- 7 Thou, O Jehovah, wilt keep them,
Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- 8 The wicked walk on every side,
When the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou forget me? For ever?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul?
How long shall there be sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall my enemy be exalted above me?
- 3 Look upon me, hear me, O Jehovah, my God!
Enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death!
- 4 Lest mine enemy say, "I have prevailed against him;"
Lest those who trouble me exult when I am removed.
- 5 But I trust in thy mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
 I will sing to Jehovah, when he hath recompensed me. 6

PSALM XIV.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

THE fool saith in his heart, 'There is no God.' 1
 They have corrupted, they have made abominable *their*
 deeds;
 There is no one that doeth good.
 Jehovah from the heavens looketh down on the sons of men, 2
 To see if there be any man of understanding,
 Seeking after God.
 Have all turned aside? Are all corrupt together? 3
 Is there no one that doeth good, not even one?
 Have none of the workers of iniquity knowledge, 4
 Who eat up my people as they would eat bread,
 And call not on Jehovah?
 Then shall they greatly fear, 5
 When God shall be in the righteous nation.
 The counsel of the afflicted ye put to shame, 6
 Because Jehovah is his refuge.

O that from Zion *would come* the salvation of Israel! 7
 When Jehovah bringeth back his captive people,
 Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad.

PSALM XV.

A Psalm of David.

O JEHOVAH, who shall sojourn at thy tabernacle? 1
 And who shall dwell on thy holy mountain?
 He who walketh in integrity and doeth righteousness, 2
 And speaketh the truth from his heart;
 Who slandereth not with his tongue, 3
 Who injureth not his friend,
 And bringeth not a reproach against his neighbour.
 In his eyes a worthless person is despised; 4
 But he honoureth those who fear Jehovah.
 Though he swear to his own hurt, he changeth not.
 His money he lendeth not on usury, 5
 And he taketh not a bribe against the innocent.
 He who doeth these things shall never be removed.

PSALM XVI.

A Golden Poem, by David.

- 1 PRESERVE me, O God, for I trust in thee.
- 2 I have said of Jehovah, "Thou art my Lord,
My prosperity is not without thee."
- 3 Of the holy ones who are in the land, *I have said,*
"Them I honour; and all my delight is in them."
- 4 They multiply their sorrows who hasten backward;
I will not pour out their drink-offerings of blood,
Nor will I take their names upon my lips.
- 5 Jehovah, the portion of my inheritance and of my cup,
Thou sustainest my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen for me on pleasant places,
Truly I have a goodly inheritance.
- 7 I will bless Jehovah who giveth me counsel:
By night also my reins instruct me.
- 8 I place Jehovah before me continually;
Because he is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart rejoiceth, and my glory exulteth,
My flesh also dwelleth in security.
- 10 For thou wilt not abandon my soul to the lowermost world,
Nor suffer thy pious one to see corruption.
- 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joys:
At thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XVII.

A Prayer of David.

- 1 HEAR the righteous, O Jehovah; attend to my cry;
Listen to my prayer, that is not from deceitful lips.
- 2 From thee let my sentence come forth;
Let thine eyes see what is right.
- 3 Thou provest my heart; thou visitest me by night,
Thou triest me, *but* findest no evil purpose in me;
My mouth shall not transgress.
As for the deeds of men,
- 4 By the command of thy lips
I have kept from the path of the violent.
- 5 Support thou my steps in thy ways,
Let not my footsteps slip.
- 6 I call upon thee, because thou wilt hear me, O God;
Incline thine ear to me, hear my words.

Shew thy loving kindness, thou who savest those who trust 7
 in thee,
 From those who rise up against thy right hand.
 Guard me as the apple of the eye; 8
 Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
 From the wicked who would destroy me, 9
 From mine enemies who cruelly compass me about.
 They are inclosed in their fat; 10
 With their mouth they speak boastfully.
 They have already encompassed our steps, 11
 They fix their eyes, crouching on the ground,
 Like a lion greedy of his prey, 12
 And as a young lion lurking in secret places.
 Arise, O Jehovah, prevent him, cast him down : 13
 Deliver me from the wicked *by* the sword ;
 From men, *by* thy hand, O Jehovah ; 14
 From men whose portion in life is durable ;
 Whose belly thou fillest with thy stores ;
 Who abound in children,
 And who leave the remainder to their young ones.
 Let me behold thy face in righteousness ! 15
 Let me be satisfied, in awaking, with thy likeness.

PSALM XVIII.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the servant of Jehovah,
 David, who spake to Jehovah the words of this Ode, when
 Jehovah had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies,
 as well as from the hand of Saul; then he said

I WILL greatly love thee, O Jehovah, my strength. 1
 Jehovah, my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer ! 2
 My God, my defender, in whom I trust !
 My shield, and the horn of my safety, my high tower !
 In despair, I called upon Jehovah, 3
 And I was saved from mine enemies.
 The billows of death had encompassed me, 4
 Destructive torrents made me afraid.
 The toils of the grave surrounded me, 5
 The snares of death were spread before me.
 In my distress I called upon Jehovah, 6
 And to my God I cried aloud :
 He heard my voice from his temple,
 And my cry before him reached his ears.
 The earth then shook and trembled ; 7

The foundations of the mountains were violently moved
and were shaken ;

For he was wroth.

8 Smoke rose from his nostrils,
And fire from his mouth consumed :
Flakes of fire were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens and came down,
And darkness was under his feet.

10 Upon a cherub he rode, and flew ;
And he moved swiftly on the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place around him ;
His pavilion, the dark waters and thick clouds of the
skies.

12 At the brightness of his presence the thick clouds passed
away ;

There was hail and flakes of fire.

13 And Jehovah thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered his voice.

14 And he sent forth his arrows, and scattered them ;
And he multiplied his lightnings and discomfited them.

15 Then were seen the channels of the sea,
And the foundations of the world were revealed,

At thy rebuke, O Jehovah,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He stretched forth *his hand* from above, he took me,
He drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from those who hated me, because they were too
powerful for me.

18 They had surprised me in the day of my calamity,
But Jehovah was my support.

19 And he brought me forth into a wide place :
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness ;
According to the cleanness of my hands he requited me.

21 Because I had kept the ways of Jehovah,
And had not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his laws were before me,
And I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 But I was upright before him,
And kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore Jehovah hath requited me according to my
righteousness,

According to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.	
With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful ;	25
With the upright thou wilt show thyself upright ;	
With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure ;	26
And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself perverse.	
Surely an afflicted people thou wilt save ;	27
But lofty looks thou wilt bring down.	
Surely thou lightest my lamp ;	28
Jehovah God enlighteneth my darkness.	
For by thee I have broken through a troop,	29
And by my God I have leaped over a wall.	
The way of God is perfect ;	30
The word of Jehovah is tried :	
He is a buckler to all who trust in him.	
For who is God except Jehovah ;	31
And who is a rock but our God ?	
The God who girdeth me with strength,	32
And maketh my way clear ;	
Who maketh my feet like <i>the feet</i> of hinds,	33
And placeth me firmly on my high places ;	
Who instructeth my hands for battle,	34
So that my arms bend a bow of brass.	
Thou also hast given me the shield of thy salvation ;	35
And thy right hand hath held me up,	
And thy kindness hath made me great.	
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,	36
That my feet might not slip.	
I pursued mine enemies and overtook them ;	37
And I returned not until they were destroyed.	
I wounded them so that they could not rise ;	38
They fell down under my feet.	
For thou girdedst me with strength for battle,	39
Thou subduedst under me those who had risen up against me.	
Thou deliveredst to me the necks of mine enemies,	40
So that I might utterly destroy those who hate me.	
They cried, but there was none to save them ;	41
To Jehovah, but he answered them not.	
Then I beat them small as dust before the wind,	42
I trampled them down as the mire of the streets.	
Thou hast delivered me from the contentions of peoples,	43
Thou hast placed me at the head of nations.	
A people whom I knew not hath become subject to me :	44

- As soon as they hear, they are obedient.
 45 Foreign nations constrainedly submit to me,
 Foreign nations are dispirited,
 And tremble within their strongholds.
 46 Live, O Jehovah ! and blessed be my rock !
 And exalted be the God of my salvation !
 47 The God who hath granted me vengeance,
 And subdued peoples under me,
 48 Delivering me from mine enemies !
 Truly thou hast raised me above those who rose up against
 me ;
 Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
 49 Wherefore I will give thanks to thee, O Jehovah, among
 the nations,
 And to thy name I will sing praise.
 50 To Him who worketh great deliverance for his king,
 And sheweth merey to his anointed,
 To David and to his seed for ever.

PSALM XIX.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 THE heavens declare the glory of God ;
 And the firmament sheweth the work of his hands.
 2 Day to day uttereth speech,
 And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
 3 There is no speech, and no words ;
 Their voice is not heard :
 4 Yet through all the earth their sound goeth forth,
 And their words to the end of the world.
 5 In them he hath fixed a tabernacle for the sun ;
 And he, as a bridegroom, cometh forth from his chamber ;
 He rejoiceth, as a strong man, to run a race.
 6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
 And his circuit is to the end of them :
 So that nothing is hidden from his heat.
 7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, refreshing the soul ;
 The precepts of Jehovah are true, making wise the simple ;
 8 The statutes of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart ;
 The commandments of Jehovah are clear, enlightening the
 eyes ;
 9 The fear of Jehovah is pure, enduring for ever ;
 The laws of Jehovah are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired than gold, yea than much fine gold ; 10
Sweeter also than honey, and the droppings of the honey-
comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant admonished : 11
In keeping them is great reward.

Who can discern *his* errors ? 12

Cleanse me from hidden faults,
Restrain thy servant also from presumptuous sins ! 13
Let them not have dominion over me !

Then shall I be blameless, and innocent of great trans-
gression.

May the words of my mouth be acceptable, 14
And the meditations of my heart, before thee,
O Jehovah ! my rock and my redeemer !

PSALM XX.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

MAY Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble ! 1

May the name of the God of Jacob set thee on high !

May he send thee help from the sanctuary, 2

And from Zion may he sustain thee !

May he remember all thine offerings, 3

And accept thy burnt sacrifices.

May he give thee according to thy heart, 4

And fulfil all thy counsel !

We will rejoice in thy safety, 5

And in the name of our God we will set up our banners.

May Jehovah fulfil all thy requests !

Now I know that Jehovah saveth his anointed : 6

He will answer him from his holy heavens,

With the saving might of his right-hand.

Some *may* glory in chariots, and some in horses, 7

But we will glory in the name of Jehovah our God.

They shall crouch and fall, 8

But we shall rise up and stand firm.

O Jehovah, save the king ! 9

He will answer us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

O JEHOVAH, the king rejoiceth in thy strength ; 1

And in thy salvation how greatly doth he exult !

- 2 The desire of his heart thou hast granted him,
 And the request of his lips thou hast not withholden.
 3 Thou hast even prevented him with the richest blessings ;
 And thou hast placed a crown of pure gold upon his head.
 4 Life he asked of thee ;
 Thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.
 5 Great is his glory through thy salvation :
 Honour and majesty thou hast conferred on him.
 6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever :
 Thou hast gladdened him with the joy of thy countenance.
 7 For the king trusteth in Jehovah,
 And through the kindness of the Most High, he shall not
 be moved.
 8 Thy hand shall find out all thy foes ;
 Thy right-hand shall find out those who hate thee.
 9 Thou wilt make them like a fiery furnace in the time
 of thine anger :
 Jehovah in his wrath will destroy them, and fire will con-
 sume them.
 10 Their fruit thou wilt destroy from the earth,
 And their seed from amongst the sons of men.
 11 Because they devised evil against thee ;
 They imagined mischief, *which* they could not *execute*.
 12 For thou shalt place them as a mark ;
 On thy bow-strings thou shalt prepare *thine arrows* against
 them.
 13 Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength :
 We will sing and celebrate thy power.

PSALM XXII.

To the Chief Musician upon Ailet Hesehecher.
 A Psalm of David.

- 1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?
 Why art *thou* so far from my cry, from the words of my
 roaring ?
 2 My God ! I cry by day, but thou answerest not,
 And by night, yet I have no quiet.
 3 Yet thou art the Holy One,
 Who dwellest among the praises of Israel.
 4 In thee our fathers trusted ;
 They trusted, and thou deliveredst them.
 5 To thee they cried, and were rescued ;

In thee they trusted, and were not confounded.
 But I am a worm, and not a man : 6
 The reproach of men, and the contempt of the people.
 All they who see me laugh me to scorn, 7
 They open wide the lip, they shake the head.
 " He rejoiced in Jehovah, let him rescue him ; 8
 Let him deliver him, since he delighteth in him."
 Thou, indeed, art he who drewest me forth from the 9
 womb ;
 Making me to trust *when I was* on my mother's breasts.
 On thee I was cast from the womb ; 10
 From the womb of my mother thou hast been my God.
 Be not far from me, for trouble is near ; 11
 For there is no one to help *me*.
 Many bulls surround me, 12
 Pierce bulls of Bashan encompass me.
 They open wide their mouths against me, 13
Like a ravening and roaring lion.
 As water I am poured out, and all my bones are out of 14
 joint ;
 My heart like wax is melted within me.
 My strength is dried up like a potsherd ; 15
 And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ;
 And thou hast laid me in the dust of death.
 For dogs surround me ; 16
 An assembly of the wicked inclose me ;
 They pierce my hands and my feet.
 I can number all my bones : 17
 They gaze, they look on me with delight.
 They divide my garments amongst them, 18
 And for my clothing they cast lots.
 But be not thou, O Jehovah, far from me, 19
 O my strength, hasten to mine aid ;
 Deliver my soul from the sword ; 20
 My precious *life* from the power of the dog.
 Save me from the mouth of the lion ; 21
 And from the horns of the buffaloes answer me.
 I will declare thy name to my brethren ; 22
 In the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.
 " Ye who fear Jehovah, praise him ! 23
 All ye seed of Jacob, honour him ;
 And revere him, all ye seed of Israel ;
 Because he hath not despised nor disdained 24

The afflictions of the afflicted,
Neither hath he hidden his face from him ;
But when he cried to him, he heard."

- 25 Of thee shall be my praise in the great assembly ;
My vows I will pay in the presence of those who fear him.
26 The needy shall eat and be satisfied ;
They shall praise Jehovah who seek him ;
Your heart shall be revived for ever.

- 27 All the land to the remotest parts shall remember,
And return to Jehovah ;
And all the families of the nations shall bow down before
thee.

- 28 For the kingdom is Jehovah's,
And he is the ruler among the nations.

- 29 All the rich of the land shall eat and bow down before
him.

- Before him shall bend all who were going down to the dust,
30 And he who could not preserve his own soul.

- A seed shall serve him, and be accounted Jehovah's.

- 31 Through generations they shall come
And declare his righteousness ;
To a people to be born, what he hath done.

PSALM XXIII.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 JEHOVAH is my shepherd, I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ;
He leadeth me beside still waters.
3 He refresheth my soul, he leadeth me
In straight paths, for his name's sake.
4 Even though I should walk through a valley of the shadow
of death,
I would fear no evil ; for thou wouldst be with me ;
Thy staff and thy crook would comfort me.
5 Thou spreadest before me a table in the sight of mine
enemies :
Thou anointest my head with oil ;
My cup overfloweth.
6 Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me
All the days of my life ;
And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah,
For a length of days.

PSALM XXIV.

A Psalm of David.

THE earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; 1
 The world, and all who dwell therein :
 For he founded it by the seas, 2
 And by the rivers he hath established it.

Who shall ascend the mountain of Jehovah ; 3
 And who shall stand in his holy place ?
 The clean of hands, and the pure of heart ; 4
 He who hath not lifted up his soul to vanity,
 Nor sworn deceitfully.
 He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah, 5
 And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
 Such is the generation of those who inquire after Him ; 6
 Of those who seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates ; 7
 And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
 That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory ? 8

Jehovah, strong and mighty,
 Jehovah, mighty in battle !

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, 9
 And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
 That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory ? 10

Jehovah of hosts,
 He is the King of glory !

PSALM XXV.

A Psalm of David.

To thee, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul, 1
 O my God, in thee I trust.
 Let me not be ashamed ; 2
 Let not mine enemies triumph over me :

- 3 Yea, let none who wait for thee be ashamed ;
Let them be ashamed who transgress without cause.
- 4 Make me to know thy ways, O Jehovah ;
Teach me thy paths.
- 5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me,
For thou art the God of my salvation :
For thee do I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember thy tender mercies, O Jehovah,
And thy loving-kindness ; for they have been from of old.
- 7 The sins of my youth and my transgressions remember
not :
- 8 According to thy loving-kindness remember thou me,
For the sake of thy goodness, O Jehovah.
Good and upright is Jehovah ;
Therefore he will instruct sinners in the way.
- 9 He will guide the meek in *his* judgments,
And he will teach the meek his way.
- 10 All the paths of Jehovah are kindness and truth,
To such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah,
Pardon mine iniquity, although it is great.
- 12 Who is the man that feareth Jehovah ?
He will instruct him in the way he should choose.
- 13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his seed shall inherit the land.
- 14 The counsel of Jehovah is with those who fear him ;
And he will make known to them his covenant.
- 15 Mine eyes are ever towards Jehovah,
For he will bring my feet out of the net.
- 16 Look upon me and be gracious to me,
For I am solitary and afflicted.
- 17 Remove the anguish of my heart ;
Bring me forth from my distresses.
- 18 Look upon mine affliction and my trouble,
And forgive all my sins.
- 19 Behold mine enemies, for they are many,
And they hate me with unjust hatred.
- 20 Guard my soul, and deliver me :
Let me not be ashamed ; for I trust in thee.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me ;
For I wait for thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, from all his distresses.

PSALM XXVI.

A Psalm of David.

JUDGE thou me, O Jehovah ; 1
 For I walk in mine integrity :
 Since I trust in Jehovah, I shall not slip.
 Examine me, O Jehovah, and try me ; 2
 Prove my reins and my heart.
 For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes ; 3
 And I walk in thy truth.
 I sit not with men of falsehood, 4
 And with dissemblers I go not.
 I hate the assembly of evil-doers ; 5
 And with the wicked I sit not.
 I wash my hands in innocency, 6
 When I go round thine altar, O Jehovah,
 To make my voice heard in praise, 7
 And to recount all thy wonderful works.
 O Jehovah, I love the habitation of thy house, 8
 And the place where thy glory dwelleth.
 Take not away my soul with sinners, 9
 Nor my life with bloody men,
 In whose hands is mischief, 10
 And whose right-hand is full of bribes.
 But I will walk in my integrity : 11
 Redeem me, and be gracious to me.
 My foot standeth on even ground ; 12
 In the assemblies I will bless Jehovah.

PSALM XXVII.

A Psalm of David.

JEHOVAH is my light and my salvation ; 1
 Whom should I fear ?
 Jehovah is the strength of my life ;
 Of whom should I be afraid ?
 When the wicked came against me, 2
 To devour my flesh ;
When my adversaries and my foes came,
They stumbled and fell.
 Though a host encamp against me, 3
 My heart will not fear ;
 Though war be raised against me,
 Still I will have confidence.

- 4 One thing I ask of Jehovah, that will I seek ;
 That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah,
 All the days of my life ;
 To behold the beauty of Jehovah,
 And to inquire in his temple.
 5 For he will hide me in his pavilion in the day of evil,
 He will conceal me in the secret place of his tabernacle :
 He will place me on high on a rock.
 6 Even now shall my head be exalted above mine enemies
 around me ;
 And I will offer at his tabernacle sacrifices of praise ;
 I will sing and give praise to Jehovah.
 7 Hear my voice, O Jehovah, when I call ;
 And be gracious to me, and answer me.
 8 My heart replieth to thee *when thou sayest*,—
 “ Seek ye my face : ”—
 “ Thy face, O Jehovah, I will seek. ”
 9 Hide not thy face from me ;
 Turn not away thy servant in anger :
 Thou hast been my help ; leave me not,
 Neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
 10 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
 Yet Jehovah will receive me.
 11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah,
 And lead me in a straight path,
 On account of mine enemies.
 12 Deliver me not over to the will of mine enemies ;
 For false witnesses have risen up against me,
 And he that breatheth violence.
 13 I have believed that I shall behold the goodness of Je-
 hovah
 In the land of the living.
 14 Wait thou for Jehovah, be of good courage,
 And he will strengthen thy heart :
 Wait, then, for Jehovah.

PSALM XXVIII.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 To thee I call, O Jehovah, my rock ;
 Be not silent to me ;
 Lest, if thou be silent to me,
 I be like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplication when I cry to thee, 2
 When I lift up my hands towards thy holy oracle.
 Draw me not away with the wicked, 3
 And with the workers of iniquity,
 Who speak peaceably to their neighbours,
 While mischief is in their heart.
 Give to them according to their deeds, 4
 And according to the wickedness of their doings.
 According to the work of their hands give to them;
 Render to them their desert.
 Because they attend not to the deeds of Jehovah, 5
 Nor to the work of his hands,
 He will destroy them, and will not build them up again.
 Blessed be Jehovah, 6
 For he hath heard the voice of my supplication.
 Jehovah is my strength and my shield: 7
 My heart trusted in him, and I am helped.
 Therefore my heart exulteth,
 And in my song I will praise him.
 Jehovah is the strength of his people, 8
 And the saving strength of his anointed.
 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance; 9
 And feed them, and exalt them for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

A Psalm of David.

GIVE to Jehovah, ye sons of the mighty, 1
 Give to Jehovah glory and strength!
 Give to Jehovah the glory due to his name! 2
 Worship Jehovah in holy beauty!
 The voice of Jehovah is upon the waters, 3
 The God of glory thundereth;
 Jehovah *thundereth* upon the great waters.
 The voice of Jehovah is powerful; 4
 The voice of Jehovah is full of majesty.
 The voice of Jehovah breaketh the cedars; 5
 Jehovah even breaketh the cedars of Lebanon;
 And he maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf, 6
 And Sirion like a young buffalo.
 The voice of Jehovah divideth the flames of fire; 7
 The voice of Jehovah shaketh the wilderness; 8
 The voice of Jehovah shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

- 9 The voice of Jehovah maketh the hinds to calve,
 And layeth bare the forests;
 While in his temple every thing declareth his glory.
 10 Jehovah sitteth above the flood;
 And Jehovah shall sit king for ever.
 11 May Jehovah give strength to his people!
 May Jehovah bless his people with peace!

PSALM XXX.

A Psalm of David. An Ode at the Dedication of the House.

- 1 I WILL extol thee, O Jehovah, because thou hast raised me
 up,
 And hast not suffered my foes to rejoice over me.
 2 O Jehovah my God, I cried to thee, and thou hast healed
 me.
 3 O Jehovah, thou hast brought me up from the grave:
 Thou hast revived me, that I might not be amongst those
 who go down to the pit.
 4 Sing ye to Jehovah, O ye his saints,
 And praise ye the memorial of his holiness.
 5 For there is but a moment in his anger,
 But life in his favour.
 Weeping may lodge *with us* in the evening,
 But in the morning there is joy.
 6 I, indeed, said in my tranquillity,
 "I shall never be moved:
 7 By thy favour, O Jehovah,
 Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong."
 Thou didst hide thy face, I was troubled.
 8 To thee, O Jehovah, I called,
 And to Jehovah I made supplication:
 9 "What profit will there be in my blood,
 In my going down to corruption?
 Can the dust praise thee?
 Can it declare thy faithfulness?
 10 Hear, O Jehovah, and be gracious to me:
 O Jehovah, be thou my aid."
 11 Thou hast changed for me my mourning into dancing;
 Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with joy.
 12 Therefore my glory shall sing praise to thee, and not be
 silent:
 O Jehovah, my God, for ever will I praise thee.

PSALM XXXI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

IN thee, O Jehovah, I trust,	1
Let me never be ashamed :	
Deliver me in thy righteousness.	
Incline thy ear to me, deliver me speedily :	2
Be to me a rock of strength,	
A fortress to save me.	
For thou art my rock and my fortress :	3
Therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me.	
Bring me out of the net which they have secretly laid for	4
me ;	
For thou art my strength.	
Into thy hands I commit myself :	5
Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah, God of truth.	
I hate those who regard lying vanities ;	6
But I trust in Jehovah.	
I will exult and rejoice in thy kindness,	7
Because thou hast seen mine affliction ;	
Thou hast acknowledged me in adversities ;	
And hast not shut me up in the power of the foe :	8
Thou hast set my feet in a wide place.	
Be gracious to me, O Jehovah, for I am in distress ;	9
Mine eye, my soul, and my body are wasted by vexa-	
tion.	
For my life is consumed with sorrow,	10
And my years with sighing :	
My strength faileth by reason of mine affliction,	
And my bones are wasted.	
I am the reproach of all mine enemies,	11
A burden to my neighbours,	
And a terror to my acquaintance :	
They who see me in the street flee from me.	
I am forgotten as one dead :	12
I am out of remembrance as a perishing vessel.	
When I hear the slander of many,	13
Terror is on every side ;	
While they take counsel together against me,	
<i>While</i> they are plotting to take away my life.	
Yet in thee, O Jehovah, I trust ;	14
I say, "Thou art my God,	
In thy hands are my times.	15

Deliver me from the power of mine enemies and my persecutors ;

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;
 Save me through thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah :
 17 Let me not be ashamed, since I call upon thee :
 Let the wicked be ashamed ; let them be silenced in the
 grave.

18 Let the lips of falsehood be struck dumb,
 That speak harshly against a just person,
 With haughtiness and contempt."

19 How great is thy goodness,
 Which thou treasurest up for those who fear thee !
 Which thou preparest for those who trust in thee,
 In the presence of the sons of men !
 20 Thou hidest them in the secret place of thy presence,
 From the conspiracies of men :
 Thou hidest them in a pavilion,
 From the contention of tongues.
 21 Blessed be Jehovah,
 Who hath showed me his wonderful kindness in a besieged
 city.

22 I had said, indeed, in my confusion,
 "I am cut off from before thine eyes :"
 But thou didst hear the voice of my supplication,
 When I cried to thee.

23 Love Jehovah, all ye his saints :
 Jehovah guardeth the faithful,
 But abundantly repayeth him who acteth proudly.
 24 Be of good courage, and he will strengthen your heart,
 All ye who hope in Jehovah.

PSALM XXXII.

A Psalm of David.

1 HAPPY is he whose transgression is forgiven,
 Whose sin is covered !
 2 Happy the man to whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity,
 And in whose spirit is no deceit !
 3 When I was silent, my bones wasted,
 Through my roaring all the day.
 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me ;
 My moisture was turned into the drought of summer.
 5 I acknowledged my sin to thee,

And mine iniquity I covered not.
 I said, "I will confess my transgression to Jehovah ;"
 And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
 Therefore every pious man shall pray to thee, 6
 At a time when thou mayest be found.
 When great waters overflow,
 They shall not reach to him.
 Thou art my hiding-place ; 7
 From distress thou keepest me ;
 With songs of deliverance thou hast surrounded me.
 I will instruct thee, and direct thee in the way thou s
 shouldest go :
 I will counsel *thee* ; mine eye shall be upon thee.
 Be ye not as the horse, 9
 As the mule without understanding,
 Which are fitted with the curb, and the bridle for con-
 straint,
 Because they will not come nigh thee.
 Many sorrows hath the wicked man, 10
 But loving-kindness surroundeth him who trusteth in
 Jehovah.
 Rejoice in Jehovah, and exult, ye righteous ; 11
 And sing aloud, all ye upright of heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

SING aloud, ye righteous, to Jehovah ; 1
 Praise is becoming to the upright.
 Praise Jehovah on the harp ; 2
 Sing to him with the psaltery of ten strings.
 Sing to him a new song ; 3
 Play skilfully with shouting.
 For the word of Jehovah is right, 4
 And all his works are *done* in faithfulness.
 He loveth righteousness and justice ; 5
 The earth is full of the loving-kindness of Jehovah.
 By the word of Jehovah the heavens were made ; 6
 And all their host by the breath of his mouth.
 He gathered the waters of the sea as a heap ; 7
 He laid up the depth in storehouses.
 Let all the earth fear Jehovah ; 8
 Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
 For he spake, and it came to pass ; 9

He commanded, and it stood.

10 Jehovah bringeth to nought the counsel of nations ;
He maketh the purposes of peoples of no effect.

11 The counsel of Jehovah standeth for ever,
The purposes of his heart to all generations.

12 Happy the nation whose God is Jehovah ;
The people whom he hath chosen for his inheritance.

13 From the heavens Jehovah looketh ;

He seeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation

He beholdeth all the inhabitants of the earth ;

15 He who formed all their hearts ;

Who considereth all their deeds.

16 No king is saved by the multitude of a host :

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

17 A horse is a vain thing for safety ;

Even by his great force he cannot rescue.

18 Lo, the eye of Jehovah is on those who fear him,

On those who wait for his loving-kindness ;

19 To deliver their soul from death,

And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for Jehovah ;

He is our help and our shield.

21 For in him our heart rejoiceth,

Because in his holy name we trust.

22 Let thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, be upon us,

Since we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech,
who drove him away and he departed.

1 I WILL bless Jehovah at all times ;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 In Jehovah my soul shall boast :
The humble shall hear and be glad.

3 Magnify Jehovah with me,
And let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought Jehovah, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.

5 Those who look up to him shall be enlightened,
And their faces shall not be ashamed.

6 This afflicted one cried, and Jehovah heard ;

And he saved him from all his distresses.	
The angel of Jehovah encampeth	7
Around those who fear him, and delivereth them.	
Taste ye, and see that Jehovah is good :	8
Happy he who trusteth in him.	
Fear Jehovah, ye his saints,	9
For there is no want to those who fear him.	
Young lions may be in need, and suffer hunger ;	10
But they who seek Jehovah shall be in want of no good thing.	
Come ye children, hearken unto me ;	11
I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.	
Who is the man that desireth life,	12
That loveth days, that he may see good ?	
Guard thy tongue from evil,	13
And thy lips from speaking deceit.	
Depart from evil, and do good ;	14
Seek peace, and pursue it.	
The eyes of Jehovah are towards the righteous,	15
And his ears towards their cry.	
The face of Jehovah is against those who do evil,	16
To cut off the remembrance of them from the land.	
<i>The righteous</i> cry, and Jehovah heareth,	17
And he delivereth them from all their distresses.	
Jehovah is near to the broken of heart,	18
And the contrite of spirit he saveth.	
Many are the evils of the righteous ;	19
But Jehovah delivereth him from them all.	
He keepeth all his bones ;	20
Not one of them is broken.	
Evil shall kill the wicked man ;	21
And all who hate the righteous shall be condemned.	
Jehovah redeemeth the life of his servants ;	22
And none who trust in him shall be condemned.	

PSALM XXXV.

A Psalm of David.

CONTEND, O Jehovah, with those who contend with me ;	1
Fight against those who fight against me.	
Take hold of the shield and the buckler,	2
And arise in mine aid ;	
And draw out the spear, and stop the way,	3

Against the approach of those who pursue me.
Say to my soul, "I am thy salvation."

- 4 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and abashed;
Let those who devise my hurt be turned back, and thrown
into confusion.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind;
And let an angel of Jehovah drive them.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery;
And let an angel of Jehovah pursue them.
- 7 For without cause they have hidden their net for me,
Without cause they have digged a pit for my life.
- 8 Let unexpected destruction come on every one of them;
And let the net which he hath hidden catch himself:
Into that very destruction let him fall.
- 9 Then shall my soul exult in Jehovah,
It shall be joyful in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones shall say,
"O Jehovah, who is like unto thee,
Who deliverest the afflicted from him who is stronger than
he;
The afflicted and the needy, from him who would despoil
him?"
- 11 False witnesses have arisen;
What I have not known they lay to my charge.
- 12 They would repay me evil for good,
By bereaving me of my life.
- 13 Yet I, during their infirmity,
Clothed myself with sackcloth;
I afflicted my soul with fasting,
And my prayer was turned to my bosom.
- 14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend, my
brother;
Mourning, I bowed down as one bewailing his mother.
- 15 But when I halted they rejoiced, and came together;
Smiters came together against me, when I knew not;
They tore me, and ceased not.
- 16 When I limped, they insultingly mocked me,
They gnashed at me with their teeth.
- 17 O Jehovah, how long wilt thou look on?
Rescue my life from their destructions,
My precious *life* from young lions.
- 18 I will give thee thanks in the great assembly;
I will praise thee amidst many people.

Let not my false foes rejoice over me ; 19
Let not those who hate me without a cause wink the eye.
 For they speak not of peace, 20
 But devise words of deceit against the quiet in the land.
 They even open widely their mouth against me, 21
 They say, "Aha, aha, our eye seeth."
 Thou seest this, O Jehovah, be not silent ; 22
 O Lord, be not far from me.
 Rouse thyself, and awake to my cause, 23
 To my plea, my God and my Lord !
 Judge me according to thy righteousness, O Jehovah, my 24
 God ;
 And let not them rejoice over me.
 Let them not say in their heart, "Ah, we have our 25
 desire :"
 Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."
 Let them together be ashamed and thrown into con- 26
 fusion,
 Who rejoice at my hurt :
 Let them be clothed with shame and disgrace,
 Who act proudly against me.
 Let them sing aloud, and rejoice, who favour my righteous 27
 cause,
 And let them continually say,
 "May Jehovah be magnified, who hath pleasure in the
 prosperity of his servant."
 So shall my tongue speak of thy righteousness, 28
 Of thy praise, all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

TRANSGRESSION speaketh to the wicked man within his 1
 heart.
 No fear of God is before his eyes,
 (For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,) 2
 So as to find out his iniquity, and to hate it.
 The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit : 3
 He careth not to be wise to do good.
 He deviseth mischief on his bed ; 4
 He setteth himself in a way which is not good ;
 He rejecteth not evil.
 O Jehovah, thy loving-kindness is in the heavens ; 6

- Thy faithfulness *reacheth* to the clouds.
 6 Thy righteousness is as the lofty mountains ;
 Thy judgments are a great deep :
 Man and beast thou preservest, O Jehovah.
 7 How precious is thy loving-kindness, O God !
 Therefore the children of men take refuge in the shadow
 of thy wings.
 8 They are satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house,
 And of the river of thy pleasures thou givest them to drink.
 9 For with thee is the fountain of life :
 In thy light we see light.
 10 Continue thy loving-kindness to those who know thee,
 And thy righteousness to the upright of heart.
 11 Let not the foot of pride come to me,
 Nor the hand of the wicked remove me.
 12 There the workers of iniquity are fallen :
 They are cast down, and are not able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 FRET not thyself because of evil men,
 Nor be jealous of the doers of iniquity.
 2 For they shall soon be cut down as the grass,
 And they shall wither as the green herbage.
 3 Trust in Jehovah, and do good ;
 Then thou shalt dwell in the land, and assuredly thou
 shalt be fed.
 4 Delight thyself, also, in Jehovah,
 And he will give to thee the desires of thy heart.
 5 Commit thy way to Jehovah,
 And trust in him, and he will accomplish ;
 6 And he will bring forth thy righteousness as the light ;
 And thy judgment as the noon day.
 7 Wait silently for Jehovah, and place thy hope in him.
 Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his
 way,
 Because of the man who accomplisheth his evil devices.
 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath ;
 Fret not thyself so as in any wise to do evil.
 9 For evil men shall be cut off ;
 But they who wait upon Jehovah, shall inherit the land.
 10 Yet a little while, and the wicked man shall not be ;

Thou shalt search for his place, but it shall not be ;	
But the meek shall inherit the land,	11
And shall delight themselves in abundant prosperity.	
The wicked man plotteth against the righteous,	12
And gnasheth at him with his teeth :	
Jehovah laugheth at him ;	13
For he seeth that his day is coming.	
The wicked draw the sword, and bend their bow,	14
To cause the poor and the needy to fall,	
To slay those who are upright in their way.	
Their sword shall enter their own heart,	15
And their bows shall be broken.	
Better is a little that a righteous man hath,	16
Than the abundant riches of the wicked.	
For the arms of the wicked shall be broken ;	17
But Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.	
Jehovah knoweth the days of the perfect ;	18
And their inheritance shall be for ever.	
They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil ;	19
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.	
But the wicked shall perish,	20
And the enemies of Jehovah shall be as the fat of lambs :	
They shall disappear, as smoke they shall disappear.	
The wicked man borroweth, and payeth not again ;	21
But the righteous sheweth favour, and giveth.	
For they who are blessed by Him shall inherit the land ;	22
And they who are cursed by Him shall be cut off.	
The steps of a man are established by Jehovah ;	23
And in his way he delighteth.	
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down :	24
For Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand.	
I have been young, I am become old ;	25
Yet I have not seen the righteous man forsaken,	
Nor his seed begging bread.	
Every day he sheweth favour and lendeth,	26
And his seed is blessed.	
Depart from evil, and do good,	27
And thou shalt dwell for evermore.	
For Jehovah loveth justice,	28
And forsaketh not his saints ;	
They are preserved for ever :	
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.	
The righteous shall possess the land,	29

And dwell in it for ever.

- 30 The mouth of the righteous man uttereth wisdom,
And his tongue speaketh justice.
31 The law of his God is in his heart ;
His steps shall not slip.
32 The wicked man watcheth for the righteous,
And seeketh to kill him.
33 Jehovah will not leave him in his power,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait upon Jehovah, and keep his way,
And he will exalt thee to possess the land ;
The cutting off of the wicked thou shalt see.
35 I have seen the wicked man terrible,
And spreading himself like a green native tree :
36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not ;
And I sought him, but he was not to be found.
37 Observe the perfect man, and behold the upright ;
For the posterity of that man is prosperous.
38 But transgressors shall be destroyed together ;
The posterity of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 The salvation of the just is from Jehovah ;
Their strength in the time of distress :
40 And Jehovah helpeth them and delivereth them.
He delivereth them from the wicked ;
And he saveth them, because they trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.

A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance.

- 1 O JEHOVAH, reprove me not in thine anger,
Nor chasten me in thy wrath.
2 For thine arrows have sunk deep into me,
And thy hand presseth heavily upon me.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh, because of thine indignation ;
No rest in my bones, because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities have passed over my head ;
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds are loathsome, they are corrupt,
Because of my folly.
6 I am made to stoop ; I am bowed down greatly ;
All the day long I go mourning.
7 For my loins are filled with a burning heat ;

And no soundness is in my flesh.
 I am enfeebled and exceedingly wasted : 8
 I roar through the disquietude of my heart.
 O Jehovah, before thee is all my desire ; 9
 And my sighing is not hidden from thee.
 My heart is disturbed, my strength hath forsaken me ; 10
 And the very light of mine eyes is not with me.
 They who loved me and were my friends, stand at a dis- 11
 tance from my sores :
 Even my kindred stand afar off ;
 While they who seek my life lay snares, 12
 And they who seek my hurt speak malicious things,
 And meditate deceits all the day long.
 But I am as a deaf man, I hear not ; 13
 And as a dumb man who openeth not his mouth.
 I am as a man who heareth not, 14
 And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
 For in thee, O Jehovah, I hope ; 15
 Thou wilt answer, O Jehovah, my God.
 For I said, " Lest they should rejoice over me ; 16
 If my foot slip, they will behave proudly to me." 17
 For I am ready to halt, 17
 And my grief is continually before me ;
 Though I declare my iniquity, 18
 Though I am much grieved for my sin.
 But mine enemies are living, they are strong ; 19
 And they who hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
 And they render to me evil for good ; 20
 They are adverse to me in return for my good.
 Forsake me not, O Jehovah : 21
 O my God, be not far from me.
 Hasten to mine aid, O Jehovah, my salvation. 22

PSALM XXXIX.

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

I SAID, " I will take heed to my ways, 1
 That I sin not with my tongue ;
 I will keep my mouth with a bridle,
 While the wicked is before me."
 I was dumb in silence ; I refrained *even* from good ; 2
 But my grief was greatly moved ;
 My heart was hot within me. 3

In my complaint the fire burned ;
I spake with my tongue.

4 " Make me, O Jehovah, to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is,
That I may know how frail I am.

5 Lo, thou makest my days a hand-breadth,
And the length of my life is as nothing in thy sight.
Verily every man in his firmest state is altogether vanity.

6 Verily man walketh as a shadow ;
Verily they are disquieted in vain ;
He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather
them.

7 And now, O Jehovah, what look I for ?
My hope is in thee.

8 From all my transgressions deliver me ;
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth,
Because thou didst *it*.

10 Remove thy stroke from me :
By the blow of thy hand I am consumed.

11 When with reproofs thou dost correct a man, on account
of iniquity,

Thou consumest, as a moth, his comeliness.
Verily every man is vanity.

12 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah,
And listen to my cry ;

Be not silent at my tears :

For I am a stranger with thee,
A sojourner, as were all my fathers.

13 Turn from me that I may be cheerful,
Before I go away, and be no more."

PSALM XL.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 I LOOKED earnestly to Jehovah ;

And he listened to me, and heard my cry ;

2 And he brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of miry
clay,

And set my feet upon a rock, making sure my steps.

3 And he put into my mouth a new song, praise to our
God :

Many shall see, and revere, and trust in Jehovah.

Happy the man who maketh Jehovah his trust ; 4
 And looketh not to the proud, and to those who turn aside
 after lies.
 Many things hast thou done, O Jehovah, my God ; 5
 Thy wonderful works, and thy purposes respecting us,
 cannot be set forth in order to thee ;
 Should I declare them, and speak of them, they are more
 than can be numbered.
 Sacrifice and offering thou desirest not ; 6
 (Mine ears thou hast opened ;)
 Burnt-offering and sin-offering thou requirest not.
 Then I said, " Lo, I come ; 7
 In the roll of the book, it is written for me ;
 To do thy will, O God, is my delight : 8
 And thy law is within me."
 I have published *thy* righteousness in the great assembly ; 9
 Lo, I have not restrained my lips,
 O Jehovah, thou knowest *it*.
 I have not concealed within my heart thy righteousness ; 10
 I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation ;
 I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth,
 In the great assembly.
 O Jehovah, withhold not thy tender mercies from me ; 11
 Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually pre-
 serve me.
 For evils without number have encompassed me ; 12
 Mine iniquities have overtaken me, and I am not able to
 see ;
 They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart
 faileth me.
 Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me : 13
 O Jehovah, make haste to help me.
 May they be ashamed and confounded together who seek 14
 my life to destroy it !
 May they be driven back and put to shame who desire my
 hurt !
 May they be in consternation on account of their shame, 15
 Who say to me, Aha !—Aha !
 Let all those who seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee ; 16
 And let those who love thy salvation say continually,
 " May Jehovah be magnified !"
 Since I am afflicted and needy, 17
 May Jehovah take thought for me.

Thou art my helper and deliverer,
O my God, make no delay.

PSALM XLI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 HAPPY he who taketh charge of the sick man !
In the day of distress Jehovah will deliver him.
- 2 Jehovah will preserve him, and prolong his life :
He shall be happy in the land ;
And Thou wilt not deliver him into the power of his ene-
mies.
- 3 Jehovah will support him on the bed of languishing ;
All his bed Thou wilt change in his sickness.
- 4 I say, “ O Jehovah, be gracious unto me :
Heal me, for I have sinned against thee.
- 5 Mine enemies speak evil of me,
‘ When will he die, and his name perish ? ’
- 6 If one cometh to see me, he speaketh falsehood :
His heart collecteth iniquity ;
He goeth forth, he speaketh it.
- 7 All those that hate me whisper together against me :
They devise evil against me, *saying*,
- 8 ‘ An evil disease cleaveth to him,
And from the place where he lieth, he shall arise no more.’
- 9 Even my familiar friend in whom I trusted,
He who ate of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against
me.
- 10 But be thou, O Jehovah, gracious to me,
And raise me up that I may requite them.
- 11 By this I shall know that thou hast delight in me,
If mine enemy triumph not over me ;
- 12 And if thou uphold me in mine integrity,
And place me in thy presence for ever.”
- 13 Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel, from age to age.
Amen, and Amen.

PSALMS XLII. XLIII.

To the Chief Musician. A Poem. A Psalm of the Sons of
Korah.

- 1 As the hart crieth after streams of water,
So crieth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God : 2
 When shall I go and behold the face of God ?
 My tears are my food, day and night, 3
 While daily it is said to me, "Where is thy God ?"
 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within 4
 me ;
 That I went with the throng, walking with solemn steps
 to the house of God ;
 With the voice of joy and praise, *with* a multitude keep-
 ing holy-day.
 Why art thou bowed down, O my soul, 5
 And why art thou disquieted within me ?
 Hope thou in God, that I shall yet praise him,
 The health of my countenance and my God.
 My soul is bowed down within me, 6
 When I remember thee from the land of Jordan,
 And from the Hermonites, from the mount Mizar.
 Deep calleth to deep, at the sound of thy water-spouts : 7
 All thy waves and thy billows pass over me.
 By day Jehovah granted to me his loving-kindness, 8
 And by night his song was with me ; my prayer was to the
 God of my life.
 I said to God, "My rock !"—Why hast thou forgotten 9
 me ?
 Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the
 enemy ?
 As a sword in my bones, my adversaries reproach me, 10
 When they say to me daily, "Where is thy God ?"
 Why art thou bowed down, O my soul ? 11
 And why art thou disquieted within me ?
 Hope thou in God, that I shall yet praise him,
 The health of my countenance and my God.

XLIII.—JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause 1
 Against a cruel nation ;
 From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me.
 Since thou hast been the God of my strength, why dost 2
 thou cast me off ?
 Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the
 enemy ?
 Send forth thy light and thy truth, let them lead me ; 3
 Let them bring me to thy holy mountain, and to thy
 dwelling-place.

- 4 Then will I go to the altar of God,
 To God, my exceeding joy;
 And I will praise thee upon the harp, O God, my God.
- 5 Why art thou bowed down, O my soul?
 And why art thou disquieted within me?
 Hope thou in God, that I shall yet praise him,
 The health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIV.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.
 A Poem.

- 1 O God, we have heard with our ears,
 Our fathers have told us
 The work thou didst in their days,
 In days of ancient times.
- 2 Thou with thy hand didst drive out nations, but then
 thou didst plant;
 Thou didst afflict peoples, but them thou madest to thrive.
- 3 For not by their own sword did they take possession of the
 land,
 Nor did their own arm save them;
 But thy right-hand, and thine arm,
 And the light of thy countenance, because thou didst favour
 them.
- 4 Thou art He, my King, O God,
 Who didst command deliverances to Jacob.
- 5 By thee we gored our enemies;
 By thy name we trampled upon those who rose up against us.
- 6 For in my own bow I trust not,
 Nor can my own sword save me.
- 7 Truly, thou savedst us from our enemies,
 And those who hated us thou madest ashamed.
- 8 In God we boasted every day,
 And thy name we praised for ever.
- 9 But now thou dost cast *us* off, thou confoundest us;
 And thou goest not forth with our hosts:
- 10 Thou caustest us to turn back from the enemy,
 And they who hate us make us their spoil.
- 11 Thou givest us up, as a flock *destined* for food;
 And thou scatterest us among the nations.
- 12 Thou sellest thy people for no gain,
 And enrichest not thyself by their price.

Thou makest us the reproach of our neighbours, 13
 A scorn and derision to those around us.
 Thou makest us a proverb among the nations, 14
 A shaking of the head among the peoples.
 Every day my confusion is before me, 15
 And the shame of my face covereth me;
 On account of the voice of the reproachful and the 16
 reviler;
 On account of the presence of the enemy and the self-
 avenger.
 All this hath come upon us, yet have we not forgotten 17
 thee;
 Yet have we not acted falsely in thy covenant.
 Our heart hath not turned back, 18
 Nor have our steps declined from thy way.
 Yet thou hast crushed us in the place of serpents, 19
 And covered us with the shadow of death.
 If we had forgotten the name of our God, 20
 And spread forth our hands to a strange god;
 Would not God have searched out this? 21
 Since he knoweth the hidden things of the heart.
 Truly, on thy account we are killed every day; 22
 We are accounted as a flock *destined* for slaughter.
 Rouse thyself, why sleepest thou, O Jehovah? 23
 Awake, cast us not off for ever.
 Why hidest thou thy face? 24
Why forgettest thou our affliction and our oppression?
 For our soul is bowed down to the dust, 25
 Our belly cleaveth to the ground.
 Arise, O our help! 26
 And redeem us, for the sake of thy loving-kindness.

PSALM XLV.

To the Chief Musician; on the Hexachord. A Psalm of the
 Sons of Korah. A Poem; an Ode of Loves.

My heart is overflowing with an excellent matter: 1
 I recite what I have made concerning the king;
 My tongue is the pen of a swift writer.
 Fairest of the sons of men! 2
 Grace is poured over thy lips;
 For God hath blessed thee for ever.
 Gird thy sword on thy thigh, thou mighty man; 3

- Thy glory and thy majesty ;
 4 And in thy majesty ride forth prosperously,
 In the cause of truth, and meekness, and righteousness ;
 And let thy right hand hurl terrors for thee.
 5 May thine arrows be sharp
 In the heart of the king's enemies :
 May peoples fall under thee.
 6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever ;
 A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
 7 Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity :
 Therefore, God, thy God hath anointed thee
 With the oil of gladness, above thy companions.
 8 Myrrh, and lign-aloes, and cassia, are all thy garments ;
 Out of ivory wardrobes of Minni they delight thee.
 9 Daughters of kings are among thy beloved women :
 On thy right-hand standeth the queen, in gold of Ophir.
 10 Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear ;
 And forget thy people, and the house of thy father :
 11 Then shall the king desire thy beauty,
 For he is thy lord ; and to him bow down.
 12 So shall the daughter of Tyre come with a present ;
 The richest of the people shall entreat thy favour.
 13 All glorious is the king's daughter in her apartments ;
 In robes spangled with gold.
 14 In embroidery she shall be brought to the king :
 Virgins, her companions, following her,
 15 Shall be brought to thee with joy and exultation :
 They shall enter the palace of the king.
 16 Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have thy sons,
 Whom thou shalt make princes through all the land.
 17 I will cause thy name to be remembered through all
 generations ;
 Therefore peoples shall praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah, upon
 Olemuth. An Ode.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength ;
 A very great help in trouble hath he been found.
 2 Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be removed ;
 And though the mountains be cast into the midst of the
 sea.

<i>Though</i> its waters roar and be troubled,	3
<i>Though</i> the mountains shake with its swelling.	
A river with its streams shall make glad the city of God,	4
The sacred dwelling-place of the Most High.	
God is in the midst of it ; it shall not be moved :	5
God will help it at the appearing of the morning.	
Nations raged ; kingdoms were moved :	6
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.	
Jehovah of Hosts is with us ;	7
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.	
Come, see the works of God,	8
What desolations he hath made in the land.	
Causing wars to cease to the ends of the land :	9
The bow he hath broken, and he hath cut in two the	
spear ;	
The chariots he hath burned with fire.	
“ Be ye still, and know that I am God :	10
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in	
the earth.”	
Jehovah of Hosts is with us ;	11
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.	

PSALM XLVII.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

O CLAP your hands, all ye peoples !	1
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.	
For Jehovah Most High is to be feared ;	2
A great king over all the earth.	
He subdueth peoples under us,	3
And nations under our feet.	
He hath chosen for us our inheritance,	4
The excellency of Jacob whom he loved.	
God is going up with a shout,	5
Jehovah with the sound of a trumpet.	
Sing praises to God, sing praises ;	6
Sing praises to our king, sing praises :	
For God is king of all the earth.	7
Sing praises skilfully :	
God reigneth over the nations ;	8
God sitteth on his holy throne.	
Princes of peoples are gathered together,	9
With the God of Abraham :	

For the shields of the land are God's :
He is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

An Ode. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 GREAT is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, *on* his holy mountain.
- 2 Beautiful in situation, the joy of the whole land,
Is mount Zion :
On the northern side is the city of the great king.
- 3 God is known in its palaces for a stronghold.
- 4 For lo, kings had assembled,
They passed by together.
- 5 *When* they saw it, they were dismayed ;
They were troubled, they hasted away.
- 6 Trembling seized them there ;
Pangs as of a woman in labour ;
- 7 As when the east-wind dasheth in pieces
The ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen it *to be*,
In the city of Jehovah of Hosts,
In the city of our God.
God will establish it for ever.
- 9 We meditated, O God, on thy loving-kindness,
Within thy temple.
- 10 According to thy name, O God, so be thy praise,
Unto the end of the earth :
Full of righteousness is thy right-hand.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah exult,
Because of thy judgments, O Jehovah.
- 12 Go around Zion, make a circuit about it ;
Count its towers ;
- 13 Consider well its walls ;
Survey carefully its palaces ;
That ye may relate to the following generation,
- 14 That this God is our God, for ever and ever :
He will be our guide until death.

PSALM XLIX.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 HEAR this, all ye peoples ;
Listen, all ye inhabitants of the world ;

Both ye of low, and ye of high degree, 2
 Rich and poor together.
 My mouth shall speak wisdom ; 3
 And the meditations of my heart shall be understanding.
 I will incline mine ear to a weighty matter : 4
 I will open my dark saying on the harp.
 Why should I fear in the days of evil, 5
 When the iniquity of those who would supplant me is
 about me ?
 Of those who trust in their wealth, 6
 And glory in the abundance of their riches,
 Not one can by any means redeem a brother, 7
 Nor give to God a ransom for him ;
 (For the redemption of their life is costly, 8
 And it ceaseth for ever ;)
 That he should live for ever, 9
 And not see corruption.
 For it is seen that wise men die ; 10
 Together with the fool and the brutish they perish,
 And leave their wealth to others.
 In their thought, their house is everlasting, 11
 Their dwelling-place through all generations ;
 Their names are celebrated in *their* lands ;
 But a man in honour who hath not understanding, 12
 Is like the beasts that perish.
 This their way is their folly ; 13
 Yet they who come after them approve their sayings.
 Like sheep they are laid in the grave ; 14
 Death tendeth them as a shepherd ;
 The just shall tread upon them in the morning ;
 And their form shall waste away in the grave ;
 Every one *driven* from his dwelling.
 But God will redeem my life from the power of the grave ; 15
 For he will take charge of me.
 Be not thou afraid because a man is made rich, 16
 Because the glory of his house is increased.
 For, when he dieth, he shall take nothing away with 17
 him ;
 His glory shall not go down after him.
 Though, while he lived, he accounted himself blessed, 18
 And men praised thee because thou hadst done well for
 thyself,
 He shall go to the generation of his fathers, 19

Who never see light.

- 20 A man in honour, who hath not understanding,
Is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM L.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 THE God of gods, Jehovah, speaketh,
And summoneth the earth,
From the rising of the sun to its going down.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shineth forth.
3 Our God cometh, and he will not be silent;
A fire consumeth before him,
And it is very tempestuous round about him.
4 He summoneth the heavens above,
And the earth, while he judgeth his people.
5 "Gather together before me, my saints,
Who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
6 So the heavens shall declare his righteousness:
For God himself is judge.
7 "Hear, O my people, while I speak;
O Israel, while I testify against thee:
God, thy God, am I.
8 Not on account of thy sacrifices, do I reprove thee,
Or thy burnt-offerings, which are continually before me:
9 I will take no bullock from thy house;
No he-goats from thy folds:
10 For mine is every beast of the forest,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11 I know every fowl of the mountains;
And the wild beasts of the field are mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee;
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
13 Shall I eat the flesh of bulls,
And shall I drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer unto God thanksgiving,
And perform thy vows to the Most High.
15 Then call upon me in the day of distress;
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt honour me."
16 But to the wicked man God saith,
"What is it to thee to declare my statutes,
Or to take my covenant in thy mouth,

While thou hatest instruction,	17
And castest my words behind thee ?	
If thou seest a thief, thou consentest with him ;	18
And with adulterers is thy portion.	
Thy mouth thou givest up to evil ;	19
And thy tongue frameth deceit.	
Thou speakest continually against thy brother ;	20
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.	
These things thou hast done, and I was silent ;	21
Thou thoughtest I was altogether such as thyself.	
I will convict thee and accuse <i>thee</i> to thine own eyes.	
Consider this, now, ye who forget God,	22
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to deliver.	
He who sacrificeth praise, honoureth me ;	23
And to him who ordereth <i>his</i> way <i>aright</i> ,	
I will show the salvation of God."	

PSALM LI.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the Prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

BE gracious to me, O God, according to thy loving-kind-	1
ness ;	
According to the greatness of thy compassion, blot out	
my transgressions.	
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,	2
And cleanse me from my sin.	
For I acknowledge my transgressions ;	3
And my sin is continually before me.	
Before thee, thee only, have I sinned,	4
And in thy sight have done evil :	
So that thou art just in thy sentence ;	
Thou art pure in thy judgment.	
Lo, in iniquity I was born,	5
And in sin my mother conceived me.	
Lo, thou desirest truth in the inmost parts ;	6
Therefore, in the hidden parts teach me wisdom.	
Purify me with hyssop, that I may be clean ;	7
Wash me, that I may be whiter than snow.	
Cause me to hear joy and gladness,	8
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.	
Hide thy face from my sin,	9
And blot out all mine iniquity.	

- 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not out from thy presence,
And ~~take~~ not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,
And let a free spirit sustain me.
- 13 I will teach transgressors thy ways,
And sinners shall turn themselves to thee.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of blood, O God,
The God of my salvation;
My tongue shall sing aloud thy righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open thou my lips,
And my mouth shall declare thy praise.
- 16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice, else I would have
offered it;
A burnt-offering thou acceptest not.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Do good in thy favour to Zion;
And rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then thou wilt have pleasure in the sacrifices of righteousness,
Burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering:
Then shall bullocks be offered on thine altar.

PSALM LII.

To the Chief Musician. A Poem of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, went and told Saul, and said to him, "David is gone to the house of Ahimelech."

- 1 WHY dost thou glory in evil, thou violent man?
The loving-kindness of God *endureth* continually.
- 2 Thy tongue deviseth mischief,
As a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- 3 Thou lovest evil more than good,
Falsehood more than the speaking of truth.
- 4 Thou lovest all destructive words,
Thou deceitful tongue.
- 5 Truly, God will overthrow thee for ever,
He will take thee away, and pluck thee from *thy* tent,
And will root thee up from the land of the living.
- 6 Then will the righteous see and revere;

And they will laugh at him, *saying*,
 "Lo the violent man ; 7
 He made not God his strength,
 But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
 And placed his strength in his mischief."
 But I shall be as a green olive-tree, in the house of God : 8
 I trust in the loving-kindness of God for ever and ever.
 I will for ever praise thee, because thou doest *it* ; 9
 And I will wait for thy name,
 For it is good before thy saints.

PSALM LIII.

To the Chief Musician upon Meheleth. A Poem of David.

THE fool saith in his heart, 'There is no God.' 1
 They have corrupted and made abominable *their* deeds ;
 There is no one that doeth good.
 God from the heavens looketh down on the sons of men, 2
 To see if there be any man of understanding,
 Seeking after God.
 They have all turned aside, they are all corrupt together ; 3
 There is no one that doeth good, not even one.
 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, 4
 Who eat up my people as they would eat bread,
 And call not on God ?
 Then shall they greatly fear, who did not fear ; 5
 When God shall scatter the bones of him who encampeth
against thee :
 They shall be put to shame, for God despiseth them.
 O that from Zion would come the salvation of Israel ! 6
 When God bringeth back his captive people,
 Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Poem of David, when
 the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Hath not David con-
 cealed himself among us ?"

O GOD, save me by thy name, 1
 And by thy might judge me.
 O God, hear my prayer ; 2
 Harken to the words of my mouth.

- 3 For proud men have risen up against me,
 And terrible men seek my life :
 They place not God before them.
 4 Lo, God is my helper :
 The Lord is among those that support me.
 5 He will return evil to mine adversaries :
 According to thy truth, cut them off.
 6 A free-will offering I will sacrifice to thee ;
 I will praise thy name, O Jehovah, for it is good,
 7 When he hath delivered me out of all trouble,
 And mine eye hath looked with pleasure on mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Poem of David.

- 1 HEARKEN, O God, to my prayer ;
 And hide not thyself from my supplication :
 2 Attend unto me, and answer me.
 I mourn in my complaint, and am greatly troubled,
 3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
 Because of the oppression of the wicked :
 For they lay iniquity upon me,
 4 And in *their* wrath they assail me.
 My heart is in pangs within me ;
 5 And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
 Fear and trembling are come upon me,
 And horror hath overspread me.
 6 And I say, " O that I had wings as a dove,
 I would fly away, and dwell at rest.
 7 Lo, I would take my flight afar off,
 I would abide in the wilderness.
 8 I would speedily seek for myself a shelter,
 From the stormy wind, from the furious tempest."
 9 Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues ;
 For I see violence and strife in the city.
 10 Day and night these go about its walls ;
 And sorrow and trouble are within it.
 11 Mischief is within it ;
 Fraud and deceit depart not from its streets.
 12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me ;
 Then I could have borne it ;
 It was not one who hated me that exalted himself against
 me ;

Then I might have hidden myself from him.
 But *it was* thou, a man whom I valued as myself; 13
 My friend, and my acquaintance.
 We sweetly took counsel together; 14
 We walked amidst the crowd to the house of God.
 May death come suddenly upon them! 15
 May they go down to the grave alive!
 For wickedness is in their dwellings among them.
 As for me, I will call upon God, 16
 And Jehovah will save me.
 In the evening, and in the morning, and at noon, 17
 I will utter my complaint, and cry aloud,
 And he will hear my voice.
 He will redeem my life, in peace, from this contention, 18
 Though many are they who are against me.
 God will hear, and he will humble them, 19
 Since he sitteth from of old.
 Because no changes have happened to them,
 Therefore they fear not God.
 He hath put forth his hands against those at peace with 20
 him;
 He hath broken his covenant.
 His mouth is smoother than butter, 21
 But war is in his heart:
 His words are softer than oil,
 Yet are they drawn swords.
 Cast thy burden on Jehovah, and he will support thee: 22
 He will never suffer the righteous man to be moved.
 But thou, O God, wilt bring them down to the pit of de- 23
 struction:
 Men of blood and deceit shall not live half their days;
 But I will trust in thee.

PSALM LVI.

To the Chief Musician upon Iuneth-alem-reboquim. A Golden
 Psalm of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

Be gracious to me, O God; for man breatheth rage against 1
 me;
 Every day, fighting, he would oppress me.
 Mine enemies breathe rage every day: 2
 Truly many are fighting against me proudly.
 When I am afraid, I trust in thee. 3

- 4 In God I glory, *in his word* ;
 In God I trust ;
 I will not fear what flesh can do to me.
 5 Every day they wrest my words ;
 All their designs are against me for evil.
 6 They meet together, they hide themselves,
 They mark my steps, while they wait for my life.
 7 Shall they escape on account of *their* iniquity ?
 In anger cast down the peoples, O God.
 8 Thou numberest my wanderings :
 Put thou my tears into thy bottle :
 Are they not in thy book ?
 9 Then let mine enemies be turned back when I call :
By this I shall know that God is for me.
 10 In God I glory, *in his word* ;
 In Jehovah I glory, *in his word* ;
 11 In God I trust ;
 I will not fear what man can do to me.
 12 Thy vows are upon me, O God ;
 I will render praises unto thee :
 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death ;
 Wilt *thou* not *deliver* my feet from falling,
 That I may walk before God,
 In the light of the living ?

PSALM LVII.

To the Chief Musician. Al-tesheheth. A Golden Psalm of David,
 when he fled from the presence of Saul to a cave.

- 1 BE gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me ;
 For in thee I trust ;
 And in the shadow of thy wings I will trust,
 Till calamity shall have passed away.
 2 I will call unto God, Most High,
 To God who accomplisheth *all* for me.
 3 He will send forth from the heavens, and save me,
 From the reproach of him who breatheth rage against
 me.
 God will send forth his kindness and his faithfulness.
 4 My life is in the midst of lions ;
 I lie amidst flames ; *amidst* sons of men,
 Whose teeth are spears and arrows,
 And whose tongue is a sharp sword.

Exalt thyself above the heavens, O God ;	5
Let thy glory be above all the earth.	
They have prepared a net for my steps ;	6
My soul is bowed down :	
They have digged a pit before me ;	
They themselves shall fall into it.	
My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed ;	7
I will sing, and give praise.	
Awake, my glory, awake, lute and harp ;	8
I will awake early.	
I will praise thee among the peoples, O Jehovah ;	9
I will sing of thee among the nations :	
For thy loving-kindness reacheth unto the heavens,	10
And unto the clouds thy faithfulness.	
Exalt thyself above the heavens, O God ;	11
Let thy glory be above all the earth !	

PSALM LVIII. *

To the Chief Musician. Al-tesheheth. A Golden Psalm of David.

Do ye indeed, O ye gods, decree righteously ?	1
Do ye judge uprightly, ye sons of men ?	
Truly, in <i>your</i> heart ye contrive iniquities ;	2
Your hands weigh out violence in the land.	
The wicked are unjust from the womb ;	3
They go astray from the birth, speaking falsehood.	
They have poison, as the poison of a serpent,	4
As of the deaf asp, that stoppeth its ear ;	
Which will not listen to the voice of charmers,	5
Of him who is skilful in enchantments.	
O God, break their teeth in their mouths ;	6
The fangs of the young lions beat out, O Jehovah.	
Let them melt away ; as water let them be dispersed.	7
When he aimeth his arrows, may they be as if cut in pieces ;	
As a snail dissolveth, let every one of them pass away ;	8
As an untimely birth, let them not see the sun.	
Before your pots can feel the thorns,	9
Both fresh and burnt, let Him sweep them away with a tempest.	
The righteous will rejoice when he seeth vengeance ;	10
He will wash his steps in the blood of the wicked man.	

- 11 And men will say, "Truly, the righteous man hath a reward;
Truly, there is a God who judgeth in the earth."

PSALM LIX.

To the Chief Musician. Al-tehesheth. A Golden Psalm of David,
when Saul sent, and they watched the house, to kill him.

- 1 DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God ;
Set me above those who rise up against me ;
2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from men of blood !
3 For lo, they lie in wait for my life,
Strong men assemble against me :
Not for my transgression, and not for my sin, O Jehovah ;
4 Without any fault *in me* they run together, and prepare
themselves :
Arise to help me, and see :
5 And do thou, O Jehovah, God of hosts, God of Israel,
Awake to visit all the nations :
Be not gracious to any wicked transgressors.
6 They return in the evening, they howl as a dog,
And they go round the city.
7 Lo, with their mouths they pour forth ;
Swords are in their lips ; they say,
" For who heareth ?"
8 But thou, Jehovah, wilt laugh at them,
Thou wilt have all the nations in derision.
9 My strength ! to thee I will sing :
For God is my stronghold.
10 The God whose loving-kindness will go before me ;
The God who will cause me to see mine enemies with
delight.
11 Slay them not, lest my people forget :
Scatter them by thine own forces,
And bring them down, O Lord, our shield.
12 For the words of their lips, for the sin of their mouth,
Let them, therefore, be taken in their pride ;
And for the cursing and for the lying which they speak.
13 Consume *them* in thy wrath, consume *them*, so that they
may not be ;
And that it may be known that a God ruleth in Jacob,
To the ends of the earth.

And let them return in the evening, 14
 Let them howl as a dog,
 And go about the city :
 Let them roam about for food ; 15
 If they be not satisfied, let them murmur.
 But I will sing of thy power ; 16
 And I will sing aloud in the morning of thy loving-kind-
 ness :
 For thou hast been my stronghold,
 And a refuge in the day of my distress.
 My strength ! to thee I will sing ; 17
 For God is my stronghold, the God of my loving-kindness.

PSALM LX.

To the Chief Musician upon Shushan-Oduth. A Golden Psalm of David, to teach, when he was contending with the Syrians of Mesopotamia, and with the Syrians of Zobah ; when Joab returned from smiting twelve thousand Edomites, in the Valley of Salt.

O GOD, thou hast cast us off ; thou hast beaten us down ; 1
 Thou hast been angry : O, return to us !
 Thou hast made the land to shake ; thou hast rent it : 2
 Heal thou its breaches, for it tottereth.
 Thou hast caused thy people to see hard things ; 3
 Thou hast made us drink the wine of reeling.
 Thou hast given flight to those who fear thee, 4
 So that they fled before the bow.
 That thy beloved ones may be delivered, 5
 Save with thy right-hand, and hear me.
 God hath spoken in his sanctuary. 6
 I will exult ; I will apportion Shechem,
 And the valley of Succoth I will measure out.
 Gilead shall be mine, and Manasseh shall be mine, 7
 And Ephraim shall be the strength of my head.
 Judah shall be my leader.
 Moab shall be my washing-basin ; 8
 Upon Edom I will cast my sandal ;
 Over Philistia I will shout aloud.
 Who will bring me to the fortified city ? 9
 Who will conduct me to Edom ?
 Wilt not thou, O God, who hadst cast us off ? 10
 And wilt not thou go forth, O God, with our hosts ?
 O grant us help from trouble ; 11

- Since vain is the aid of man.
 12 Through God we shall do valiantly ;
 For he himself will tread down our adversaries.

PSALM LXI.

To the Chief Musician upon Neginoth. A Psalm of David.

- 1 HEAR my cry, O God ;
 Attend unto my prayer.
 2 From the extremity of the land I call to thee,
 When my heart fainteth :
 Lead me to the rock which is too high for me.
 3 For thou hast been my refuge,
 A strong tower from the enemy.
 4 I will sojourn in thy tabernacle for ever ;
 I will trust in the covert of thy wings.
 5 For thou, O God, wilt hear my vows ;
 Thou wilt give me the inheritance of those who fear thy
 name.
 6 Thou wilt add days to the days of the king ;
 His years shall be as generation and generation.
 7 He shall sit for ever in the presence of God ;
 Kindness and truth shall preserve him.
 8 So will I sing of thy name for ever,
 That I may perform my vows every day.

PSALM LXII.

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- 1 TRULY, my soul waiteth quietly for God ;
 From him is my salvation.
 2 Truly, he is my rock and my salvation,
 My high tower ; I shall not be greatly moved.
 3 How long will ye plot against a man,
 Whom ye would all of you break down,
 Like a bowing wall, like a tottering fence ?
 4 Truly, they consult to bring him down from his dignity ;
 They delight in falsehood ; with their mouth they bless,
 But inwardly they curse.
 5 Truly, my soul waiteth quietly for God ;
 For from him is my expectation.
 6 Truly, he is my rock and my salvation,
 My high tower ; I shall not be moved.
 7 With God are my salvation and my glory :

My strong rock, my refuge is in God.
 Trust in him at all times, ye people ; 8
 Pour out your heart before him :
 God is our refuge.
 Truly, men of low degree are vanity, 9
 Men of high degree are falsehood.
 In the balances they would go up ;
 Together they are lighter than vanity.
 Trust not in oppression, 10
 And become not vain in rapine :
 Set not your heart on wealth when it increases.
 Once hath God spoken, 11
 Twice have I heard this,
 That God hath power.
 And thou, O Jehovah, hast loving-kindness : 12
 Surely thou wilt render to every one according to his deed.

PSALM LXIII.

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee : 1
 My soul thirsteth for thee,
 My flesh longeth for thee,
 In a land dry and weary, where is no water ;
 As in the sanctuary I have seen thee, 2
 So *again* to see thy power and thy glory.
 Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, 3
 My lips shall praise thee.
 Surely, I will bless thee while I live : 4
 In thy name I will lift up my hands.
 As with rich dainties my soul is satisfied, 5
 While with joyful lips my mouth praiseth *thee* ;
 When I call thee to mind on my bed, 6
 When in the watches of the night I meditate on thee.
 Because thou hast been my help ; 7
 Therefore in the shadow of thy wings I will rejoice.
 My soul followeth close after thee : 8
 Thy right-hand upholdeth me ;
 While they who seek to destroy my life, 9
 Shall go to the lower parts of the earth :
 They shall be delivered into the power of the sword ; 10
 They shall be the portion of jackalls.
 But the king shall rejoice in God ; 11

Every one who sweareth by him shall glory,
When the mouth of those who speak falsehood shall be
closed.

PSALM LXIV.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 HEAR, O God, my voice in my complaint ;
From the terror of the enemy preserve me.
- 2 Hide me from the council of the wicked,
From the tumult of the doers of iniquity,
- 3 Who sharpen their tongue as a sword,
Who aim their arrows, bitter words,
- 4 To shoot secretly the perfect :
Suddenly they shoot, and fear not.
- 5 They encourage themselves in an evil deed ;
They commune upon secretly laying snares ;
They say, " Who will see them ? "
- 6 They search for iniquities, they conceal their search,
They search the inmost part of a man, and the depth of
the heart.
- 7 But God will shoot an arrow at them ;
Sudden shall be their wounds.
- 8 And their own tongue shall cause them to fall upon
themselves :
Every one who seeth them shall flee away.
- 9 And all men shall be in awe,
And proclaim the work of God,
And understand his dealing.
- 10 The righteous man shall rejoice in Jehovah,
And shall trust in him,
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM LXV.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. An Ode.

- 1 FOR thee, O God, praise silently waiteth in Zion ;
And to thee shall the vow be performed.
- 2 O thou that hearest prayer !
To thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 Iniquities have been too mighty for us :
Our transgressions thou hast pardoned.
- 4 Happy *the people whom thou choosest and causest to*
approach to thee ;

Who dwell in thy courts.

We shall be satisfied with the good things of thy house,
of thy holy temple.

Wonderfully, in righteousness hast thou answered us, 5

O God of our salvation ;

The confidence of the uttermost parts of the earth,

And of the distant seas :

Who hath fixed the mountains by his strength, 6

Being girded with might :

Who stilleth the noise of the seas, 7

The noise of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.

Even they who dwell in the uttermost parts are awed by
thy wonders :

Thou makest the going forth of the morning and the
evening to sing for joy.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it ; 9

Thou abundantly enrichest it :

The river of God is full of water.

Thou preparest their corn ; for thus thou preparest it ;

Thou waterest copiously its furrows ; 10

Thou breakest down its ridges ;

Thou softenest it with showers ;

Its springing forth thou blessest.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, 11

And thy paths distil fatness.

They distil it upon the pastures of the wilderness ; 12

And the hills are girded with joy.

The pastures are clothed with flocks, 13

And the valleys are covered with corn :

They shout aloud, they also sing.

PSALM LXVI.

To the Chief Musician. An Ode. A Psalm.

SHOUT to God, all the earth : 1

Sing the glory of his name ; 2

Make his praise glorious.

Say to God, " How awful are thy deeds ! 3

Through the greatness of thy strength thine enemies
submit to thee.

Let all the earth bow down to thee, 4

And let them sing unto thee ; let them sing unto thy
name."

- 5 Come, and see the works of God :
 Awful are his doings towards the sons of men.
 6 He turned the sea into dry land ;
 They passed through the river on foot :
 Then we rejoiced in him.
 7 He ruleth by his power for ever ;
 His eyes observe the nations :
 Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
 8 Bless our God, O ye peoples,
 And cause the voice of his praise to be heard ;
 9 Who keepeth our souls in life,
 And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
 10 Thou hast, indeed, proved us, O God ;
 Thou hast tried us as silver is tried.
 11 Thou broughtest us into a net ;
 Thou placedst a heavy burden on our loins.
 12 Thou causedst men to ride over our heads :
 We went through fire and through water ;
 But thou broughtest us out to a well-watered place.
 13 I will go to thy house with burnt-offerings ;
 I will pay to thee my vows,
 14 Which my lips uttered,
 And my mouth spake, when I was in trouble.
 15 Burnt-offerings of fatted beasts I will offer to thee, with
 incense.
 I will offer rams ; bullocks with he-goats.
 16 Come, hear, while I relate,
 All ye who fear God,
 What he hath done for my soul.
 17 To him I cried with my mouth,
 And he was extolled by my tongue.
 18 If I had regarded iniquity in my heart,
 Jehovah would not have heard me.
 19 But, truly, God did hear me ;
 He attended to the voice of my prayer.
 20 Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer,
 Nor his kindness from me.

PSALM LXVII.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Psalm. An Ode.

- 1 MAY God be gracious unto us, and bless us !
 May he cause his face to shine upon us !

That thy ways may be known in the earth, 2
 Thy salvation among all nations.
 May the peoples praise thee, O God ; 3
 May all the peoples praise thee !
 May the nations rejoice, and sing aloud ! 4
 For thou judgest the peoples with equity,
 And thou rulest the peoples of the earth.
 May the peoples praise thee, O God ; 5
 May all the peoples praise thee !
 The land yieldeth its produce ; 6
 God, our God, will bless us.
 God will bless us ; 7
 And all the uttermost parts of the land will revere him.

PSALM LXVIII.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. An Ode.

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered ; 1
 And let those who hate him flee before him.
 As smoke is driven away, so drive thou them away ; 2
 As wax melteth before the fire,
 So let the wicked perish before God.
 But let the righteous rejoice ; let them exult before God, 3
 And exceedingly rejoice.
 Sing ye unto God, sing praises to his name : 4
 Raise a highway for him who rideth through the desert.
 His name is *JAH*, therefore exult before him.
 A father of orphans, and a judge of widows, 5
 Is God in his holy habitation.
 God settleth the solitary in a home ; 6
 He bringeth forth those who were bound into fruitful
 places,
 While the rebellious inhabit barren rocks.
 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, 7
 When thou marchedst through the wilderness,
 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of
 of God ;
 Sinai itself *shook* at the presence of God,
 The God of Israel.
 A plentiful rain thou didst send, O God, *on thine inheri-* 9
 tance ;
 When weary thou didst refresh it.
 Thy people dwelt in it ; 10

Thou preparedst in thy goodness, O God, for the afflicted.

11 The Lord gave command ;

The damsels who proclaimed glad tidings were a numerous host.

12 “ Kings of armies have fled, they have fled ;

While she who tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Ye truly were lying at rest between the sheepfolds,

As the wings of a dove covered with silver,

And her plumage of pale gold ;

14 When the Almighty was scattering kings,

When he was covering Salmon with snow.”

15 A lofty mount is mount Bashan ;

A mount of eminences is mount Bashan.

16 Why look ye enviously, ye mounts of eminences,

At the mount on which God desireth to dwell ?

Truly, Jehovah will dwell on it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,

Thousands of thousands ;

The Lord is among them as on Sinai.

18 Thou art going up to the place on high,

Thou art leading captive thy prisoners :

Thou hast received gifts from men, even from the rebellious,

To dwell *here*, O Jah *our* God.

19 Blessed be the Lord daily !

Should any one oppress us, He is the God of our deliverance.

20 God is the God of deliverance to us ;

And to Jehovah the Lord belong the issues from death.

21 Surely God will wound the head of his enemies ;

The hairy crown of him who walketh in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, “ From Bashan I will bring *them* again ;

I will bring them again from the depths of the sea,

23 That thou mayest dip thy feet in blood ;

That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from thine enemies.”

24 Thy goings are seen, O God ;

The goings of my God, my King, to his sanctuary.

25 The singers go before ;

The players on the lyre follow ;

In the midst are damsels striking timbrels.

26 “ Bless ye God in the congregations,

The Lord, *ye who are* of the fountain of Israel.”

There Benjamin, <i>though</i> small, is their ruler ;	27
The princes of Judah their rock ;	
The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.	
Command, O God, thy strength ;	28
Confirm, O God, what thou hast done for us.	
On account of thy temple at Jerusalem,	29
May kings bring presents to thee.	
Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds,	30
The assembly of bulls, with the calves of the peoples,	
Bowing down with pieces of silver :	
Scatter the peoples that delight in war.	
Ambassadors shall come from Egypt ;	31
Ethiopia shall speedily stretch forth her hands to God.	
Ye kingdoms of the earth, sing to God ;	32
Sing praises to the Lord ;	
To him who rideth in the heavens, the ancient heavens :	33
Lo, he uttereth his voice, a strong voice.	
Ascribe ye strength to God :	34
Over Israel is his majesty,	
And his strength is in the clouds.	
Terrible is God from his sanctuary,	35
The God of Israel :	
He giveth strength and power to his people.	
Blessed be God !	

PSALM LXIX.

To the Chief Musician, upon the Hexachord. A Psalm of David.

SAVE me, O God ;	1
For the waters have reached to <i>my</i> life.	
I am sinking in deep mire,	2
Where there is no standing ;	
I am come into deep waters,	
And the flood overfloweth me.	
I am weary by my calling ; my throat is parched :	3
Mine eyes fail from waiting for my God.	
More than the hairs of my head,	4
Are they who hate me without cause.	
Mighty are they who would destroy me, mine enemies	
wrongfully :	
What I took not away, I restore.	
O God, thou knowest my folly ;	5
And my trespasses are not hidden from thee.	

- 6 Let not them be ashamed on my account, who wait for thee,
O Lord Jehovah of Hosts :
Let not them be confounded on my account, who seek thee,
O God of Israel ;
- 7 Since, for thy sake, I have borne reproach ;
Shame hath covered my face :
- 8 I have been a stranger to my brethren,
And an alien to the sons of my mother :
- 9 For the zeal of thy house hath consumed me,
And the reproaches of them that reproached thee, have
fallen upon me.
- 10 When I weep and fast,
That is a reproach to me :
- 11 When for my clothing I put on sackcloth,
Then I am a proverb to them.
- 12 They who sit in the gate talk against me ;
And I am the song of the drinkers of wine.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Jehovah ;
Let it be in an acceptable time, O God.
In thy great loving-kindness answer me,
In the truth of thy salvation.
- 14 Deliver me from out of the mire, and let me not sink ;
Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and from the
deep waters.
- 15 Let not the flood of waters overflow me,
And let not the deep swallow me up,
Nor the pit close its mouth upon me.
- 16 Answer me, O Jehovah, for thy loving-kindness is good ;
According to the greatness of thy tender mercies turn
towards me ;
- 17 And hide not thy face from thy servant :
For I am in trouble ; O answer me speedily.
- 18 Draw nigh unto my soul, redeem it ;
Because of mine enemies, ransom me.
- 19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my confusion ;
Before thee are all my adversaries.
- 20 Reproach breaketh my heart, and I am enfeebled,
And I look for some one to pity, but there is none ;
And for comforters, but I find them not.
- 21 And they give me for my food, hemlock ;
And in my thirst they give me sour wine.

May their table before them be a snare, 22
 And their peace-offerings a net !
 May their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, 23
 And cause their loins continually to shake !
 Pour out upon them thine indignation, 24
 And let the heat of thine anger overtake them !
 May their habitation be desolate ; 25
 May there be no dweller in their tents !
 For him whom thou hast smitten they persecute ; 26
 And add to the grief of him whom thou hast wounded.³
 Add iniquity to their iniquity, 27
 And let them not come into thy justification.
 May they be blotted out of the book of the living, 28
 And with the righteous may they not be written !
 But I am poor and afflicted : 29
 Let thy salvation, O God, set me on high.
 I will praise the name of God in a song, 30
 And I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
 And this shall be more pleasing to Jehovah, 31
 Than an ox or a bullock with horns and hoofs.
 Let the poor see *this*, and let those who seek God, re- 32
 joice ;
 And let your heart live.
 For Jehovah heareth the needy, 33
 And despiseth not his prisoners.
 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, 34
 The seas and everything that moveth therein.
 For God will save Zion, 35
 And build again the cities of Judah,
 That they may dwell there and possess it ;
 And that the seed of his servants may inherit it, 36
 And they who love his name may dwell therein.

PSALM LXX.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

BE pleased, O God, to deliver me ; 1
 O Jehovah, hasten to my aid.
 May they be ashamed and disgraced, who seek my life ; 2
 May they be driven back and confounded, who desire my hurt.
 May they be turned back on account of their shame, 3

Who say to me, Aha! aha!

- 4 May all those who seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee,
And let them who love thy salvation say continually,
“ May Jehovah be magnified.”
Since I am afflicted and needy,
5 O God, hasten to me.
Thou art my helper and deliverer;
O Jehovah, delay not.

PSALM LXXI.

- 1 In thee, O Jehovah, I trust;
Never let me be put to shame.
2 In thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me;
Incline to me thine ear, and save me.
3 Be to me a rock of strength,
To which I may continually resort:
Thou hast given commandment to save me;
For thou art my rock and my fortress.
4 O God, deliver me from the power of the wicked,
From the hand of the unrighteous, and the cruel.
5 For thou hast been my hope, O Lord Jehovah;
My confidence from my youth.
6 On thee I have rested from the womb;
From the bowels of my mother thou didst bring me forth:
My praise shall be continually of thee.
7 I have been as a wonder to many;
But thou hast been my strong refuge.
8 My mouth shall be filled with thy praise,
With thy glory all the day.
9 Cast me not off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
10 For mine enemies speak against me,
And they who are watching for my life consult together,
11 Saying, “ God hath forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for there is no one to deliver.”
12 O God, be not far from me;
O my God, hasten to my help.
13 May they be ashamed and confounded who are my adversaries;
May they be covered with disgrace and confusion who
seek my hurt.

But I will hope continually, 14
 And I will praise thee more and more.
 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness, 15
 Thy salvation all the day ;
 Though I know not their number.
 I will set forth thy might, O Lord Jehovah : 16
 I will make mention of thy righteousness, of thine alone.
 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth ; 17
 And hitherto I have declared thy wondrous works.
 And even till I am old and grey headed, 18
 O God, forsake me not ;
 While I declare thy power to *this* generation,
 Thy might to every one that is to come.
 For thy righteousness is very high, O God, 19
 Who hast done great things.
 O God, who is like unto thee,
 Who hast made me to see many and grievous troubles ? 20
 Thou wilt revive me,
 And from the depths of the earth thou wilt bring me up
 again.
 Thou wilt increase my greatness, 21
 And wilt again comfort me.
 Then I will praise thee on the lute, *even* thy truth, O my 22
 God :
 I will sing to thee on the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
 My lips shall loudly rejoice when I sing to thee, 23
 And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day : 24
 For ashamed, for confounded are they who seek my hurt.

PSALM LXXII.

For Solomon.

O God, give thy judgments to the king, 1
 And thy righteousness to the son of the king.
 Then will he rule thy people with righteousness, 2
 And thine oppressed ones with equity.
 The mountains will announce prosperity to the people, 3
 And the hills, on account of righteousness.
 He will judge the oppressed of the people ; 4
 He will save the children of the needy,
 But break in pieces the oppressor.

- 5 They will revere thee while the sun endureth,
And the moon, from generation to generation.
6 He shall be as rain that cometh down upon the mown
grass;
As copious showers that moisten the earth.
7 In his days righteousness shall flourish,
And abundant prosperity, till there be no moon.
8 And he shall rule from sea to sea,
And from the river to the boundaries of the land.
9 Before him, they who dwell in the desert shall bow down;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the regions beyond the
sea shall bring presents;
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts:
11 And all kings shall bow down to him;
All nations shall serve him.
12 For he will deliver the needy when he crieth,
And the oppressed, when he hath no one to help him.
13 He will pity the poor and the needy,
And the lives of the needy he will save.
14 From oppression and violence he will redeem their life,
And their blood will be precious in his sight.
15 And he shall live, and there shall be given to him of the
gold of Sheba;
And prayer shall be made for him continually:
Every day he shall be blessed.
16 There shall be abundance of corn in the land;
On the top of the mountains, its fruit shall wave like Le-
banon;
And they shall spring forth from the city as the grass of
the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever:
While the sun endureth, his name shall be continued;
And they shall bless each other by him:
All nations shall call him happy.
18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wonderful things.
19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever:
And may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen
and Amen.
20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

PSALM LXXIII.

A Psalm of Asaph.

TRULY God is good to Israel,	1
To those who are pure in heart.	
But as for me, my feet had almost turned aside,	2
My steps had nearly slipped :	
For I was jealous of the foolish,	3
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.	
For they have no distress until their death ;	4
But their strength is firm.	
They are not in the trouble of <i>mortal</i> men,	5
And like men they are not smitten.	
Therefore, pride encircleth them as a neck-chain ;	6
Violence covereth them as a robe.	
Their eyes stand out with fatness ;	7
The thoughts of their heart transgress.	
They scoff, and speak wickedly ;	8
Haughtily they speak calumny.	
They set their mouth against the heavens,	9
And their tongue walketh through the earth.	
Therefore His people turn thither ;	10
And abundant water they drain out for themselves.	
And they say, " How should God know,	11
And how should there be knowledge in the Most High ? "	
Lo, these are wicked men,	12
Yet they are ever prosperous ; they increase in wealth.	
Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,	13
And washed my hands in innocency ;	
Since I am smitten every day,	14
And chastened every morning.	
Should I say, " I will speak as they,"	15
So, I should transgress against the generation of thy children.	
Yet when I studied to know this,	16
It was a labour in mine eyes,	
Until I entered into the sanctuary of God,	17
And discerned their end.	
Surely, thou settest them in slippery places :	18
Thou causest them to fall into destruction.	
How, in a moment, do they become desolate !	19
How are they utterly consumed, on a sudden,	

- 20 As the dream of one who awaketh !
 When thou rousest thyself, O Lord, thou wilt despise their
 image.
- 21 When my heart was grieved,
 And my reins pierced,
 22 Then was I foolish and ignorant :
 A brute was I before thee.
- 23 But I am continually with thee ;
 Thou holdest me by thy right-hand.
 24 By thy counsel thou dost guide me,
 And afterwards thou wilt advance me to honour.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven ?
 And in no one on the earth do I delight, beside thee.
- 26 My flesh and my heart fail ;
 God is the strength of my heart and my portion for
 ever.
- 27 For, lo, they who are far from thee perish ;
 Thou cuttest off all who go astray from thee.
- 28 But as for me, it is good for me to be nigh to God :
 I place in the Lord Jehovah my trust,
 That I shall declare all thy doings.

PSALM LXXIV.

A Poem of Asaph.

- 1 WHY, O God, hast thou cast us off for ever ?
Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy
 pasture ?
- 2 Remember thy congregation which thou didst purchase of
 old ;
Which thou redeemedst to be the portion of thine inheri-
 tance ;
 This Mount Zion, in which thou dwellest.
- 3 Hasten thy steps to the perpetual desolations ;
 The enemy hath destroyed everything in the sanctuary.
- 4 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy place of assem-
 bly ;
 They have set up their own ensigns as signs.
- 5 They have appeared like one that bringeth down
 On entangled trees *his* axe.
- 6 So now the whole carved work
 They have beaten down with hatchets and hammers :
 7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary ;

They have profaned to the ground the dwelling of thy
 name.
 They say in their heart, "Let us destroy them at once:" 8
 They have burnt all the assembling places of God in the land.
 Our own signs we see not: 9
 There is no longer a prophet,
 Neither is there amongst us one who knoweth how long.
 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach? 10
 Shall the enemy despise thy name for ever?
 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right-hand? 11
 From thy bosom bring it forth, and destroy.
 Yet God hath been my king from of old, 12
 Working great salvation in the earth.
 Thou dividedst the sea by thy strength; 13
 Thou brakest the heads of sea-monsters by the waters.
 Thou crushedst the head of the crocodile, 14
 And gavest him for food to the people of the deserts.
 Thou clavest the fountain and the torrent; 15
 Thou driedst up overflowing streams.
 Thine is the day, thine also is the night: 16
 Thou preparedst the light and the sun.
 Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth: 17
 Summer and winter thou hast formed.
 Remember this, an enemy hath reproached *thee*, O Jeho- 18
 vah,
 And a foolish people hath despised thy name.
 Give not the life of thy turtle-dove to the ravening bird: 19
 Forget not the life of the afflicted for ever.
 Have regard to *thy* covenant: for filled 20
 Are the dark places of the land with habitations of violence.
 Let not the oppressed return ashamed: 21
 Let the afflicted and the needy praise thy name.
 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: 22
 Remember thy reproach from the foolish every day.
 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries; 23
 The tumult of those who rise up against thee, ascending
 continually.

PSALM LXXV.

To the Chief Musician. Al-tesheheth. A Psalm of Asaph.
 An Ode.

WE give thanks to thee, O God,
 We give thanks since thy name is near: 1

Thy wonderful works have been told *to us*.

2 When I shall have received *thy* promise,

I will judge uprightly.

3 The land and all its inhabitants have been dissolved :

I will establish its pillars.

4 I will say to the foolish, "Be not foolish,"

And to the wicked, "Exalt not the horn :

5 Exalt not your horn on high :

Speak not with a stiff neck.

6 For not from the east, nor from the west,

Nor from the south, cometh exaltation,

7 But God is the judge ;

One he humbleth, and another he exalteth."

8 For the cup is in the hand of Jehovah, and the wine is
red ;

It is full of mixed wine, which he poureth thence ;

Its very dregs they shall drain out ;

All the wicked of the land shall drink them.

9 But I will proclaim for ever ;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob :

10 And all the horns of the wicked I will cut off ;

The horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

To the Chief Musician on Neginoth. A Psalm of Asaph.
An Ode.

1 God is known in Judah ;

In Israel his name is great :

2 And in Salem is his tabernacle,

And his habitation in Zion.

3 There hath he broken the winged arrows of the bow,

The shield, and the sword, and the battle.

4 More glorious and excellent art Thou

Than the mountains of rapine.

5 The stout-hearted have been spoiled,

They have slept their sleep ;

And none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,

Both the chariot and the horse have been cast into a deep
sleep.

7 Thou, even thou, art terrible ;

And who can stand before thee, when thou art angry ?

From the heavens thou didst cause thy sentence to be heard ; 8
 The earth was afraid, and was still,
 When God rose up to give sentence, 9
 To save all the oppressed of the land.
 Surely, the wrath of man shall praise thee ; 10
 The remainder of wrath thou wilt restrain.
 Vow, and pay *your vows* to Jehovah, your God ; 11
 All ye who are around him, bring presents to him who is
 to be feared.
 He cutteth off the spirit of princes : 12
 Terrible is he to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

My cry is to God, and I cry aloud ; 1
 My cry is to God that he would hear me.
 In the day of my distress, I seek Jehovah ; 2
 In the night my hand is spread out, and is not drawn
 back ;
 My soul refuseth to be comforted.
 I remember God, and am troubled ; 3
 I meditate, and my spirit fainteth.
 Thou holdest the wakings of mine eyes ; 4
 I am troubled, so that I cannot speak.
 I think upon the days of former times, 5
 The years of past ages.
 I remember my song in the night ; 6
 I meditate in my heart,
 And my spirit searcheth diligently.
 Will Jehovah cast off for ever, 7
 And will he be favourable no more ?
 Is his loving-kindness withdrawn for ever ? 8
 Will his promise fail for all generations ?
 Hath God forgotten to be gracious ? 9
 Hath he in anger cut off his tender mercies ?
 Then I said, "This is my grief, 10
 The change of the right-hand of the Most High."
 Let me remember the deeds of Jehovah ; 11
 Yea, let me remember thy wonders of former times.
 Let me meditate on all thy doings, 12
 And talk of all thy deeds.
 Thy way, O God, is holy : 13

Who so great a God as *our* God ?

- 14 Thou art the God that doeth wonders :
 Among the peoples thou hast made known thy power.
 15 With thine arm thou didst redeem thine own people,
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph.
 16 The waters saw thee, O God,
 The waters saw thee ; they trembled ;
 Even the depths were troubled.
 17 The clouds poured out water ;
 The skies uttered a sound ;
 Thine arrows also went abroad.
 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven ;
 Lightnings enlightened the world :
 The earth trembled and shook.
 19 Thy way was in the sea,
 And thy paths in the great waters,
 And thy footsteps were not known.
 20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,
 By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 LISTEN, O my people, to my law :
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 2 I will open my mouth in a weighty discourse,
 I will utter truths of deep import from former times.
 3 What we have heard and known,
 And *what* our fathers have told us,
 4 We will not hide from their children ;
 Relating to the generation that followeth,
 The praises of Jehovah, and his might,
 And the wonderful works which he hath done.
 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
 And appointed a law in Israel,
 Which he charged our fathers
 To make known to their children,
 6 That the following generation might know them ;
 That the children which should be born might arise,
 And declare them to their children ;
 7 That they might place their trust in God,
 And not forget the works of God ;
 But keep his commandments ;

And not be like their fathers,	8
A stubborn and rebellious generation,	
A generation that set not their heart aright,	
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.	
The children of Ephraim, armed with the bow,	9
Turned back in the day of battle.	
They kept not the covenant of God,	10
But refused to walk in his law ;	
And they forgot his works,	11
And his wonders which he had shown to them.	
In the sight of their fathers, he had done wonders,	12
In the land of Egypt, in the plain of Zoan.	
He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through,	13
And made the waters to stand up as a heap.	
And he led them by a cloud in the day,	14
And all the night by the light of fire.	
He clave rocks in the desert,	15
And gave them to drink as from the great deep.	
And he brought streams from the flinty rock,	16
And caused waters to run down like rivers.	
Yet still they continued to sin against him,	17
To provoke the Most High in the desert.	
And they tried God in their heart,	18
By asking food for their desire.	
They even spake against God ; they said,	19
“ Can God spread a table in the desert ?	
He smote the rock, indeed,	20
And waters burst forth, and torrents overflowed ;	
Can he also give bread ?	
Can he provide flesh for his people ? ”	
Therefore Jehovah heard, and was exceedingly wroth ;	21
So a fire was kindled against Jacob,	
And anger also rose up against Israel ;	
Because they believed not in God,	22
And trusted not in his salvation ;	
Though he had given command to the clouds above,	23
And the doors of the heavens he had opened,	
And had rained down upon them manna for food,	24
And the corn of the heavens he had given them.	
The food of the Mighty Ones men had eaten ;	25
He had sent them meat to fulness.	
He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens ;	26
And by his power brought on the south wind.	

- 27 And he rained down upon them flesh as dust,
 And winged fowls as the sand of the sea ;
 28 And he caused them to alight in the midst of their camp,
 All around their dwellings.
 29 So they ate, and were greatly filled ;
 For that which they had desired he brought to them.
 30 They were not estranged from their longing,
 Their food was still in their mouths,
 31 When the anger of God came upon them,
 And slew the stoutest of them,
 And bowed down the choice men of Israel.
 32 For all this they sinned still,
 And trusted not his wonderful works.
 33 Therefore he consumed their days in vanity,
 And their years in trouble.
 34 When he slew them, then they sought him,
 And they returned, and earnestly sought after God.
 35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
 And God Most High their Redeemer.
 36 But they flattered him with their mouths,
 And with their tongues they lied to him :
 37 For their heart was not firm with him,
 Nor were they true to his covenant.
 38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity,
 And destroyed them not ;
 But often turned away his anger,
 And did not stir up all his wrath.
 39 For he remembered that they were flesh ;
 A breath passing away, that returneth not.
 40 How often did they provoke him in the desert,
How often did they grieve him in the wilderness !
 41 Again and again they tried God,
 And angered the Holy One of Israel.
 42 They remembered not his hand,
 The day in which he redeemed them from the adversary ;
 43 When he wrought his signs in Egypt,
 And his wonders in the plain of Zoan ;
 44 *When* he turned their rivers into blood ;
 And their streams, so that they could not drink ;
 45 When he sent among them the beetle, which devoured
 them ;
 And frogs, which destroyed them ;
 46 And gave to the chesil-locust their fruits,

And their labour to the arba-locust ;
When he destroyed their vines with hail, 47
 And their sycamores with frost ;
When he gave up their cattle to the hail, 48
 And their flocks to the lightning ;
When he sent upon them the heat of his anger, 49
 Wrath, and indignation, and distress,
 By the mission of evil angels ;
When he levelled a way for his anger, 50
 Spared not even themselves from death ;
 But gave up their life to the pestilence,
 And smote all the first-born in Egypt, 51
 The beginning of their strength in the tents of Ham ;
 But led forth his own people as sheep, 52
 And guided them as a flock in the wilderness ;
 And led them on safely, so that they had no cause for 53
 dread,
 While the sea overwhelmed their enemies ;
 And he brought them to his own holy boundary, 54
 To this mountain, which his own right-hand had pur-
 chased ;
 And drove out nations before them, 55
 And allotted to them their inheritance by line,
 And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
 Yet they tried and provoked God Most High, 56
 And observed not his testimonies ;
 But turned back, and acted treacherously like their fathers : 57
 They turned aside like a slackened bow ;
 For they provoked him to anger by their high places, 58
 And moved him to jealousy by their graven images.
 God heard, and was wroth, 59
 And greatly abhorred Israel ;
 And he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, 60
 The tent in which he had dwelt with man ;
 And he delivered his strength to captivity, 61
 And his beauty into the hand of the adversary ;
 And he gave up his people to the sword ; 62
 And with his inheritance he was wroth.
 Fire consumed their young men, 63
 And their virgins lamented not.
 Their priests fell by the sword, 64
 And their widows wept not.
 Then Jehovah awoke, as from sleep, 65

- As a mighty man shouting from wine :
 66 And he smote his enemies behind ;
 Everlasting reproach he inflicted upon them.
 67 Yet he abhorred the tent of Joseph,
 And the tribe of Ephraim he chose not ;
 68 But he chose the tribe of Judah,
 Mount Zion, which he loved.
 69 And he built high his sanctuary,
 As the earth which he hath established for ever.
 70 And he chose David his servant,
 And took him from the sheep-folds :
 71 From following the suckling-cwes he brought him,
 To feed Jacob his people,
 And Israel his inheritance.
 72 So he fed them in the uprightness of his heart ;
 And by the discretion of his hands he guided them.

PSALM LXXIX.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 O GOD, the nations have come into thine inheritance,
 They have polluted thy holy temple ;
 They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
 2 They have given the dead bodies of thy servants
 For food to the birds of the heavens ;
 The flesh of thy saints to the beasts of the earth.
 3 They have poured forth their blood like water, around Jeru-
 salem,
 And there was no one to bury *them*.
 4 We are a reproach to our neighbours,
 A scorn and derision to those around us.
 5 How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou be angry ? For ever ?
How long shall thy jealousy burn like fire ?
 6 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee not,
 And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name :
 7 For they have consumed Jacob,
 And his dwelling-place they have laid waste.
 8 Remember not against us former iniquities :
 Speedily let thy tender mercies come to our aid ;
 For we are brought exceedingly low.
 9 Help us, O God of our salvation,
 For the glory of thy name :
 And deliver us and pardon our sins,

For the sake of thy name.
 Why should the nations say, 10
 "Where is their God?"
 Let the avenging of the blood of thy servants which hath
 been shed
 Be known among the nations in our sight.
 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before thee: 11
 According to the greatness of thine arm,
 Preserve those who are condemned to die.
 And repay to our neighbours seven-fold into their bosom, 12
 The reproach with which they have reproached thee, O
 Lord!
 Then we, thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture, 13
 Will give thanks to thee for ever;
 To all generations we will shew forth thy praise.

PSALM LXXX.

To the Chief Musician upon Shoshanim-Oduth. A Psalm
 of Asaph.

O SHEPHERD of Israel, listen; 1
 Thou who ledest Joseph like a flock;
 Thou who dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.
 Before Ephraim, and Benjamin, and Manasseh, 2
 Arouse thy might,
 And come to save us.
 O God of Hosts restore us: 3
 Cause thy face to shine, that we may be saved.

 Jehovah, God of Hosts! 4
 How long wilt thou be angry at the prayer of thy people?
 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, 5
 And givest them tears to drink in abundance.
 Thou makest us an object of strife to our neighbours; 6
 And our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 O God of Hosts restore us; 7
 And cause thy face to shine, that we may be saved.

 Thou broughtest a vine from Egypt; 8
 Thou didst cast out the nations, and didst plant it.
 Thou didst clear a place for it; and it spread its roots, 9
 And filled the land.
 The mountains were covered with its shade, 10

- And its boughs *were like* the cedars of God.
 11 It sent forth its fruit-bearing branches to the sea,
 And to the river its suckers.
 12 Why hast thou broken down its fences ;
 So that all who pass by the way pluck its fruit ?
 13 The boar from the forest rooteth it up ;
 And the wild beast of the field feedeth upon it.
 14 Return, now, O God of Hosts,
 Look down from heaven, and see,
 15 And take charge of this vine ;
 And of the plant which thy right-hand hath planted ;
 And of the son whom thou madest strong for thyself.
 16 It is burned with fire : it is cut down.
 At the rebuke of thy face, may they perish !
 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right-hand,
 Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thy-
 self.
 18 Then we will not turn back from thee :
 Revive us, and we will call upon thy name.
 19 Jehovah God of Hosts, restore us :
 Cause thy face to shine, that we may be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

To the Chief Musician upon the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 SING aloud to God, our strength :
 Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.
 2 Raise the psalm, and bring the timbrel,
 The sweet-sounding harp with the psaltery.
 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon ;
 At the full moon, on our festival-days.
 4 For this is a statute for Israel,
 An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
 5 He ordained it a testimony in Joseph,
 When he came out of the land of Egypt.
 " I heard a language which I knew not.
 6 I relieved his shoulder from the burden ;
 His hands were delivered from the basket.
 7 In trouble thou calledst, and I delivered thee ;
 I answered thee in the secret place of thunder ;
 I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.
 8 ' Hear, O my people, while I deliver my testimonies to thee ;
 Oh that thou wouldest hear me, O Israel !

Let there be no strange God with thee ; 9
 Neither worship thou any foreign God.
 I, Jehovah, will be thy God, 10
 Who brought thee out of the land of Egypt :
 Open wide thy mouth, and I will fill it.
 But my people would not hear my voice, 11
 And Israel was unwilling to *obey* me.
 So I gave them up to the obstinacy of their heart ; 12
 And they walked according to their own counsels.
 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, 13
 That Israel had walked in my ways !
 Soon would I have humbled their enemies, 14
 And against their adversaries I would have turned my hand.
 The haters of Jehovah should have submitted to him ; 15
 But their time should have endured for ever.
 He would have fed him with the finest wheat ; 16
 And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied thee.”

PSALM LXXXII.

A Psalm of Asaph.

GOD standeth in the assembly of God : 1
 In the midst of the gods he judgeth.
 “ How long will ye judge unjustly, 2
 And respect the persons of the wicked ?
 Defend the weak and the orphan ; 3
 Do justice to the afflicted and the poor.
 Deliver the weak and the needy ; 4
 From the hand of the wicked rescue *them*.
 They know not, and they understand not ; 5
 In darkness they walk about :
 All the foundations of the land totter.
 I said, Ye are gods, 6
 And sons of the Most High, all of you ;
 Yet like men ye shall die, 7
 And as one of the princes ye shall fall.”
 Arise, O God, judge thou the land ; 8
 For thou possessest all the nations.

PSALM LXXXIII.

An Ode. A Psalm of Asaph.

O GOD, be thou not dumb ; 1
 Be not silent, neither be thou still, O God.

- 2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult ;
 And they who hate thee lift up the head.
 3 Against thy people they craftily take counsel,
 And consult together against those whom thou protectest.
 4 They say, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a
 nation ;
 And let not the name of Israel be remembered any more."
 5 For they consult earnestly together ;
 Against thee they make a covenant ;
 6 The tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites,
 Of Moab, and the Hagarenes,
 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek,
 The Philistines, with the inhabitants of Tyre ;
 8 The Assyrians also are joined with them ;
 They are a support to the sons of Lot.
 9 Do to them as to the Midianites ;
 As to Sisera, as to Jabin,
 At the torrent Kishon ;
 10 Who were destroyed at Endor ;
 Who were dung for the ground.
 11 Make them *and* their nobles as Oreb and Zeeb,
 And as Zeba and Zalmunna, all their princes
 12 Who say, "Let us take possession
 Of the habitation of God."
 13 O my God, make them as thistle-down ;
 As stubble before the wind.
 14 As fire consumeth the forest,
 And as flame setteth the mountains on fire,
 15 So pursue them with thy tempest,
 And with thy whirlwind trouble them.
 16 Fill their faces with shame,
 That they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.
 17 Let them be ashamed and troubled for ever ;
 Let them be disgraced, and perish ;
 18 That it may be known that thou, whose name only is Je-
 hovah,
 Art Most High over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

To the Chief Musician upon the Gittith. A Psalm by the
 Sons of Korah.

- 1 How lovely are thy dwelling-places,
 O Jehovah of Hosts !

My soul longeth, and even fainteth, 2
 For the courts of Jehovah :
 My heart and my flesh cry aloud
 To the living God.
 Even the sparrow findeth a house, 3
 And the swallow a nest for herself,
 Where she may place her young ;
 Thine altars, O Jehovah of Hosts,
 My King and my God.
 Happy are they who dwell in thy house ! 4
 They are ever praising thee.
 Happy the man whose strength thou art, 5
 In whose heart are the highways *to Jerusalem*.
 Passing through the valley of Baca, 6
 They drink from a fountain ;
 The latter rain also adorneth it with blessings.
 They go from strength to strength, 7
 Till every one appeareth before God in Zion.
 Jehovah God of Hosts, hear my prayer : 8
 Listen, O God of Jacob.
 Behold our shield, O God, 9
 And look upon the face of thine Anointed.
 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. 10
 I would chouse to stand on the threshold of the house of
 my God,
 Rather than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 For a sun and a shield is Jehovah God : 11
 Jehovah giveth favour and glory ;
 He refuseth not good to those who walk uprightly.
 O Jehovah of Hosts, 12
 Happy is the man who trusteth in thee !

PSALM LXXXV.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the Sons of Korah.

Thou wast favourable, O Jehovah, to thy land ; 1
 Thou broughtest back the captives of Jacob.
 Thou forgavest the iniquity of thy people ; 2
 Thou coveredst all their sin.
 Thou withdrewest all thy wrath ; 3
 Thou turnedst away from the heat of thine anger.
 Turn to us, O God of our salvation, 4
 And cause thine indignation towards us to cease.

- 5 Wilt thou for ever be wroth with us ?
 Wilt thou prolong thine anger to all generations ?
 6 Wilt thou not again revive us,
 That thy people may rejoice in thee ?
 7 Shew us, O Jehovah, thy loving-kindness,
 And grant us thy salvation.
 8 I will hear what the God Jehovah will speak :
 Surely he will speak prosperity to his people, and to his
 saints,
 If they return not to folly.
 9 Truly, his salvation is nigh to them who fear him,
 That glory may dwell in our land.
 10 Kindness and truth will meet together ;
 Righteousness and prosperity will kiss each other.
 11 Truth will spring forth from the earth ;
 And righteousness will look down from the heavens.
 12 Jehovah will surely give us what is good ;
 And our land will yield its produce.
 13 Righteousness will go before him,
 And tread firmly on the way.

PSALM LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David.

- 1 INCLINE, O Jehovah, thine ear ; answer me ;
 For I am afflicted and needy.
 2 Preserve my life, for I am holy :
 O thou, my God, save thy servant, who trusteth in thee !
 3 Be gracious to me, O Jehovah ;
 For to thee I cry every day.
 4 Make the soul of thy servant to rejoice ;
 For to thee, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul.
 5 For thou, O Jehovah, art good and ready to forgive,
 And abundant in kindness to all who call upon thee.
 6 Listen, O Jehovah, to my prayer ;
 And attend to the voice of my supplications.
 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon thee ;
 For thou answerest me.
 8 There is none like thee among the Gods, O Jehovah ;
 And no *works* are like thy works.
 9 All nations which thou hast made shall come,
 And shall bow down before thee, O Jehovah,

And glorify thy name ;
 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things ; 10
 Thou art God alone.
 Teach me, O Jehovah, thy way ; 11
 I will walk in thy truth.
 My whole heart unite thou in the fear of thy name.
 I will praise thee, O Jehovah, my God, with my whole 12
 heart ;
 And I will glorify thy name for ever.
 For thy loving-kindness is great towards me ; 13
 And thou hast delivered my life from the grave beneath.
 O God, the proud have risen up against me ; 14
 And the assembly of violent men seek after my life,
 And set not thee before them.
 But thou, O Jehovah, art a God compassionate and gra- 15
 cious,
 Slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth.
 Look upon me, and be gracious to me : 16
 Give thy strength to thy servant,
 And save the son of thine handmaid.
 Give me a sign for good ; 17
 That they who hate me may see, and be ashamed,
 Because thou, O Jehovah, helpest me and comfortest me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

A Psalm for the Sons of Korah. An Ode.

Its foundation is in the holy mountain : 1
 Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion, more than all the dwell- 2
 ings of Jacob.
 Honourably art thou spoken of, O city of God. 3
 I might mention Rahab and Babel among those who know 4
 me :
 "Lo, Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia :
 This man was born there."
 But of Zion it shall be said, "This man and this were 5
 born in her :
 And he who shall establish her is the Most High."
 Jehovah shall record, when he enrolleth peoples, 6
 "This man was born there."
 And princes, like the sand of the sea, 7
 Are all who dwell in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

An Ode. A Psalm for the Sons of Korah.
 To the Chief Musician on Meheleth-Leonuth. A Poem
 by Heman the Ezrahite.

- 1 O JEHOVAH, God of my salvation,
 By day I cry, by night I am before thee.
- 2 Let my prayer come before thee :
 Incline thine ear to my cry.
- 3 For my soul is full of evils ;
 And my life approacheth the grave.
- 4 I am reckoned among those who have gone down to the
 pit :
 I am as a man who hath no strength ;
- 5 Weak, among the dead,
 Like the slain who lie in the grave ;
 Whom thou rememberest no more,
 And who are cut off from thy protection.
- 6 Thou hast laid me in a deep pit ;
 In thickest darkness, in the deep abyss.
- 7 Thy wrath presseth hard upon me,
 And thou afflictest me with all thy waves.
- 8 Thou hast removed my acquaintance far from me ;
 Thou hast made me an abomination to them :
 I am shut up, so that I cannot go forth.
- 9 Mine eye languisheth through affliction :
 I call to thee, O Jehovah, every day ;
 I stretch forth my hands unto thee.
- 10 Wilt thou do wonders for the dead ?
 Shall the deceased rise again, *and* praise thee ?
- 11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave ?
 Thy faithfulness in the place of destruction ?
- 12 Shall thy wonders be known in darkness ?
 And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness ?
- 13 But I cry out to thee, O Jehovah ;
 And in the morning my prayer cometh before thee.
- 14 Why, O Jehovah, dost thou cast me off ?
Why hidest thou thy face from me ?
- 15 I have been afflicted, and about to expire from *my* youth
 up :
 I bear thy terrors ; I am distracted.
- 16 Thy fierce wrath overwhelmeth me ;
 Thy terrors cut me off.

They surround me, as waters, every day, 17
 They encompass me together.
 Thou hast removed far from me those who loved me, and 18
 my friends ;
 My acquaintance withdraw themselves.

PSALM LXXXIX.

A Poem by Ethan, the Ezrahite.

I WILL sing for ever of the loving-kindness of Jehovah : 1
 I will make known thy faithfulness,
 With my mouth, to all generations.
 For I have said, 'Loving-kindness shall be built up for 2
 ever :

In the heavens themselves thou wilt establish thy faithfulness.'

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, 3
 I have sworn to David my servant.
 For ever will I establish thy seed, 4
 And I will build up thy throne to all generations."

Let then the heavens praise thy wonders, O Jehovah ; 5
 Thy faithfulness, also, in the congregation of the saints.
 For who in the skies can be compared to Jehovah ? 6
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to Jehovah ?

God is to be greatly feared in the council of the saints, 7
 And to be held in reverence by all who are about him.
 O Jehovah, God of Hosts, who is like to thee ? 8
 Strong *art thou*, O Jehovah, and thy faithfulness is round
 about thee.

Thou rulest the pride of the sea ; 9
 When it raiseth up its waves, thou stillest them.
 Thou brakest Rahab like one who is slain. 10
 By thy strong arm thou scatteredst thine enemies.
 Thine are the heavens, thine, also, is the earth : 11
 The world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
 The north and the south, thou hast created them : 12
 Tabor and Hermon sing aloud in thy name.
 Thou hast a mighty arm : 13
 Strong is thy hand, exalted thy right-hand.
 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of thy 14
 throne :

Loving-kindness and truth go before thy face.

- 15 Happy the people that know the trumpet-sound :
O Jehovah, in the light of thy face they walk.
- 16 In thy name they shall exult every day ;
And in thy righteousness they shall be exalted.
- 17 For thou art the glory of their strength ;
And by thy favour our horn is exalted.
- 18 For to Jehovah belongeth our shield,
And to the Holy One of Israel, our King.
- 19 Thou spakest formerly in vision to thy Holy One, and
saidst,
“I have laid help on a mighty one ;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- 20 I have found David, my servant ;
With my holy oil I have anointed him.
- 21 With him my hand shall be established ;
My arm also shall strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not injure him ;
Nor the son of iniquity afflict him.
- 23 For I will beat down his adversaries before him,
And those who hate him I will smite.
- 24 And my faithfulness and my loving-kindness shall be with
him :
And in my name his horn shall be exalted.
- 25 And I will place his *left*-hand on the sea,
And his right-hand on the rivers.
- 26 He shall call upon me, ‘Thou art my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.’
- 27 I will even appoint him my first-born,
Supreme over the kings of the earth.
- 28 For ever will I keep for him my kindness,
And my covenant shall be stedfast with him.
- 29 And I will make his seed to be for ever,
And his throne as the days of the heavens.
- 30 If his sons forsake my law,
And walk not in my judgments ;
- 31 If they break my statutes,
And observe not my commandments ;
- 32 Then I will punish their transgression with a rod,
And their iniquity with stripes :
- 33 Yet my loving-kindness I will not take away from him,
Neither will I suffer my faithfulness to fail.
- 34 I will not violate my covenant,
Nor will I change that which hath gone forth from my
lips.

Once have I sworn by my holiness, 35
 That I will not be false to David.
 His seed shall endure for ever, 36
 And his throne as the sun before me :
 As the moon it shall be established for ever, 37
 And as the faithful witness in the clouds."

Yet thou hast cast off and abhorred ; 38
 Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant ; 39
 Thou hast profaned to the earth his crown.
 Thou hast broken down all his fences ; 40
 Thou hast laid his strong-holds in ruins.
 All who pass along the way plunder him : 41
 He is a reproach to his neighbours.
 Thou hast exalted the right-hand of his adversaries ; 42
 Thou hast caused all his enemies to rejoice.
 Thou hast even turned the edge of his sword, 43
 And hast not made him to stand up in battle.
 Thou hast made his splendour to cease, 44
 And his throne thou hast cast down to the ground.
 Thou hast shortened the days of his youth : 45
 Thou hast clothed him with shame.

How long, O Jehovah, wilt thou hide thyself? For 46
 ever?

How long shall thy wrath burn like fire ?
 Remember what mine age is : 47
 To what vanity thou hast created all the sons of men !
 What man liveth, who shall not see death ; 48
 Who shall deliver his soul from the power of the grave ?
 Where are thy former loving-kindnesses, O Jehovah, 49
 Which thou swarest to David in thy faithfulness ?
 Remember, O Jehovah, the reproach of thy servant, 50
 Which I bear in my bosom, from all the numerous peo-
 ples ;
 With which thine enemies reproach, O Jehovah, 51
 With which they reproach the footsteps of thine anointed.
 Blessed be Jehovah for ever. 52

Amen and amen.

PSALM XC.

A Prayer of Moses, a man of God.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, 1
 In all generations.

- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 And thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
 Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou wast God.
 3 Thou turnest man to dust ;
 And sayest, " Return, ye sons of man."
 4 For a thousand years in thy sight
 Are as yesterday when it is past,
 And *as* a watch in the night.
 5 Thou carriest them away with a flood ; they are a sleep :
 As grass which groweth in the morning.
 6 In the morning it flowereth and groweth ;
 In the evening it is cut down and withereth.
 7 For we are consumed by thine anger,
 And by thy wrath we are troubled.
 8 Thou settest our iniquities before thee,
 Our hidden *sins* in the light of thy countenance.
 9 For all our days vanish away :
 By thy wrath we are consumed ;
 Our years are a sound.
 10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten ;
 And if, by strength, they be fourscore years,
 Yet is their pride trouble and sorrow ;
 For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
 11 Who regardeth the power of thine anger,
 Or thy wrath, according to thy fear ?
 12 So teach us to number our days,
 That we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
 13 Turn, O Jehovah ; how long ?
 And repent concerning thy servants.
 14 Satisfy us speedily with thy kindness ;
 That we may be glad and rejoice all our days.
 15 Make us to rejoice according to the days in which thou
 hast afflicted us,
 The years in which we have seen evil.
 16 Let thy work appear to thy servants,
 And thy majesty to their children.
 17 And let the beauty of Jehovah our God be upon us,
 And the work of our hands establish thou for us ;
 Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM XCI.

- 1 HE who sitteth in the secret place of the Most High,
 Shall lodge under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to Jehovah, "My refuge, and my fortress : 2
 My God, in whom I will trust."
 Surely, he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, 3
 And from the destructive pestilence.
 With his plumage he will cover thee, 4
 And under his wings thou shalt trust :
 His faithfulness shall be thy shield and buckler.
 Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, 5
 Nor of the arrow that flieth by day ;
 Of the pestilence that walketh in darkness ; 6
 Of the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.
 A thousand may fall at thy side, 7
 And ten thousand at thy right-hand ;
 To thee it shall not come nigh.
 Only with thine eyes thou shalt behold, 8
 And see the recompence of the wicked.
 Truly, thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge ! 9
 The Most High thou makest thy habitation.
 No evil shall befall thee, 10
 Neither shall calamity come near thy tent.
 For he will give his angels charge over thee, 11
 To preserve thee in all thy ways.
 On their hands they will bear thee up, 12
 Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
 On the lion and the viper thou shalt tread, 13
 Thou shalt trample on the young lion and the dragon.
 Because he hath set his love upon me, 14
 I will deliver him :
 I will exalt him, because he knoweth my name.
 When he calleth upon me, I will answer him ; 15
 I will be with him in distress ;
 I will deliver him, and I will honour him.
 With length of days I will satisfy him, 16
 And show him my salvation.

PSALM XCII.

A Psalm. An Ode for the Sabbath.

It is good to give thanks to Jehovah, 1
 And to sing praises to thy name, O Most High :
 To declare thy loving-kindness in the morning, 2
 And thy faithfulness every night,
 On an instrument of ten strings, and on the psaltery ; 3

On the lyre with the harp.

4 For thou hast made me joyful, O Jehovah, by thy deeds ;
For the works of thy hands I sing aloud.

5 How great are thy works, O Jehovah !

Exceedingly deep are thy designs.

6 The brutish man observeth not ;
Neither doth the foolish understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass,
And all who do iniquity flourish,
It is but to be destroyed for ever.

8 But thou art exalted for ever, O Jehovah :

For, lo, thine enemies, O Jehovah,

9 For, lo, thine enemies shall perish ;
All who do iniquity shall be scattered abroad.

10 But thou wilt exalt my horn like that of the buffalo :
I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall look on mine enemies,
On those who rise up against me ;
My ears shall hear of the wicked.

12 The righteous man shall flourish like the palm ;
Like the cedar in Lebanon he shall grow.

13 They who are planted in the house of Jehovah
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age,
They shall be full of sap and green ;

15 To declare that Jehovah is upright :
My rock ; and no iniquity is in him.

PSALM XCIII.

1 JEHOVAH reigneth, clothed with majesty ;
Jehovah is clothed *with majesty* ; with strength he hath
girded himself.

Truly, the world is established : it shall not be moved.

2 Thy throne is established from of old :
From everlasting art Thou.

3 The streams lift up, O Jehovah,
The streams lift up their voice ;
The streams lift up their waves.

4 Mightier on high is Jehovah,
Than the noise of many waters ;
Than mighty breakers of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure :

Holiness adorneth thy house,
O Jehovah, for a length of days.

PSALM XCIV.

God of vengeance, Jehovah,	1
God of vengeance, shine forth.	
Exalt thyself, O judge of the earth :	2
Render recompence to the proud.	
How long shall the wicked, O Jehovah,	3
How long shall the wicked triumph ?	
They utter, they speak hard things ;	4
All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.	
They break in pieces thy people, O Jehovah,	5
And they afflict thine inheritance.	
They slay the widow and the sojourner ;	6
And they murder the fatherless.	
And they say, " Jehovah will not see,	7
Neither will the God of Jacob discern it."	
Consider, ye most brutish among the people ;	8
And ye foolish, when will ye be wise ?	
He who planted the ear, will he not hear ?	9
He who formed the eye, will he not see ?	
He who chastiseth nations, will he not reprove ?	10
He, who teacheth man knowledge ?	
Jehovah knoweth the devices of man,	11
That they are vanity.	
Happy the man whom thou chastenest, O Jehovah,	12
And whom thou teachest from thy law !	
To give him quiet in the days of evil,	13
While the pit is digged for the wicked.	
For Jehovah will not cast off his people,	14
Neither will he forsake his inheritance ;	
But right shall return to judgment,	15
And all the upright in heart shall be followers of it.	
Who will rise up for me against evil-doers ?	16
Who will stand up for me, against the workers of iniquity ?	
If Jehovah be not my help,	17
My soul will soon dwell in silence.	
When I say, " My foot slippeth ;"	18
Thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, supporteth me.	
In the multitude of my anxious thoughts within me,	19
Thy consolations delight my soul.	

- 20 Can the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee,
Which deviseth fraud against the law ?
21 They come together against the life of the righteous man,
And they condemn innocent blood.
22 But Jehovah will be my high tower,
And my God, the rock of my refuge.
23 And he will turn upon them their own iniquity,
And in their wickedness he will cut them off ;
Jehovah our God will cut them off.

PSALM XCV.

- 1 COME, let us sing aloud to Jehovah ;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to him with psalms.
3 For Jehovah is a great God,
And a great king above all gods ;
4 In whose hands are the depths of the earth ;
And the heights of the mountains are his :
5 Whose is the sea, for he made it,
And his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down :
Let us kneel before Jehovah, our Maker.
7 For he is our God ;
And we are the people of his pasture, and the flock of his
hand.
Oh, that ye would this day hear his voice !
8 " Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,
As in the day of Massah in the desert,
9 When your fathers tried me :
They proved me, though they had seen my work.
10 Forty years long I was weary of that generation, and said,
They are a people that err in their hearts,
And they know not my ways.
11 To whom I sware in mine anger,
' They shall not enter into my rest. ' "

PSALM XCVI.

- 1 SING ye to Jehovah a new song ;
Sing to Jehovah, all the earth.
2 Sing to Jehovah, bless his name :
Publish his salvation from day to day.

Declare among the nations his glory ;	3
Among all peoples his wonders.	
For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised :	4
He is to be revered above all gods.	
For all the gods of the peoples are idols :	5
But Jehovah made the heavens.	
Honour and majesty are in his presence ;	6
Strength and beauty in his sanctuary.	
Give to Jehovah, ye families of the peoples,	7
Give to Jehovah glory and strength.	
Give to Jehovah the glory due to his name :	8
Bring an offering, and come into his courts :	
Worship Jehovah in holy attire.	9
Tremble at his presence all the earth :	
Say among the nations, " Jehovah reigneth." "	10
Truly, the world shall be established, so as not to be moved :	
He will rule the peoples with equity.	
Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad,	11
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.	
Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein.	12
Let the trees of the forest sing aloud,	
At the presence of Jehovah ; for he cometh,	13
For he cometh to judge the earth.	
He will judge the world in righteousness,	
And the peoples in his faithfulness.	

PSALM XCVII.

JEHOVAH reigneth, let the earth be glad,	1
Let the multitude of lands beyond the sea rejoice.	
Clouds and darkness are round about him :	2
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.	
Fire goeth before him,	3
And burneth up his adversaries round about.	
His lightnings enlighten the world ;	4
The earth seeth, and trembleth.	
The mountains melt like wax, at the presence of Jehovah,	5
At the presence of the Lord of all the earth.	
The heavens declare his righteousness,	6
And all peoples see his glory.	
Let all who serve a graven image be ashamed,	7
Who make their boast in idols :	
Worship him, all ye gods.	

- 8 Zion heareth, and rejoiceth ;
 And the daughters of Judah are glad,
 On account of thy judgments, O Jehovah.
- 9 For thou, O Jehovah, art Most High above all the
 earth ;
 Greatly art thou exalted above all gods.
- 10 Ye who love Jehovah, hate evil :
 He preserveth the lives of his saints ;
 From the hand of the wicked he delivereth them.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous,
 And joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice, ye righteous, in Jehovah,
 And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

A Psalm.

- SING ye to Jehovah a new song ;
- 1 For he hath done marvellous things :
 His right-hand and his holy arm hath wrought salvation
 for him.
- 2 Jehovah hath made his salvation known :
 In the sight of the nations he hath revealed his righteous-
 ness.
- 3 He hath remembered his kindness and his truth to the
 house of Israel :
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
 God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth ;
 Break forth, and sing aloud, and sing praise.
- 5 Sing praise to Jehovah with the harp ;
 With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
- 6 With trumpets and the sound of the cornet,
 Sing aloud before the king, Jehovah.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;
 The world, and they who dwell therein.
- 8 Let the rivers clap their hands ;
 Let the mountains make a joyful noise together,
- 9 At the presence of Jehovah ;
 For he cometh to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world in righteousness,
 And the peoples with equity.

PSALM XCIX. .

JEHOVAH reigneth ; let the peoples tremble : 1
 He sitteth between the cherubim ; let the earth be moved.
 Jehovah is great in Zion, 2
 And high is he above all peoples.

Let them praise thy great and fearful name ; 3
 It is holy and powerful.
 A king loving judgment art thou, 4
 Thou establishest equity ;
 Judgment and righteousness thou doest in Jacob.

Extol Jehovah our God, 5
 And worship at his footstool ;
 For he is holy.

Moses and Aaron, among his ministers, 6
 And Samuel among those who called on his name ;
 They called on Jehovah, and he answered them.
 In the pillar of cloud he spake to them : 7
 They kept his testimonies, and the statutes which he gave
 to them.

Jehovah, our God, thou answeredst them : 8
 Thou wast a forgiving God to them ;
 Yet thou didst avenge their deeds.

Extol Jehovah our God, 9
 And worship at his holy mountain ;
 For Jehovah our God is holy.

PSALM C.

A Psalm of Praise.

MAKE a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth. 1
 Serve Jehovah with gladness ; 2
 Enter into his presence with singing.
 Know ye that Jehovah is God : 3
 He made us, and we are his ;
 His people, and the flock of his pasture.
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, 4
 His courts with praise :

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

- 5 For Jehovah is good, his loving-kindness is everlasting,
And his truth is to all generations.

PSALM CI.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 OF mercy and of judgment I will sing :
To thee, O Jehovah, I will sing praise.
2 I will instruct in a perfect way
The men whom thou shalt bring to me.
I will walk with a perfect heart within my house.
3 I will not place before mine eyes a wicked thing :
The deed of transgression I will hate ; it shall not cleave
to me.
4 The perverse of heart shall depart from me :
An evil *person* I will not know.
5 Him who secretly slandereth his neighbour I will destroy ;
Him who hath a haughty look and a proud heart I will
not suffer.
6 Mine eyes shall be on the faithful in the land, that they
may dwell with me :
He who walketh in a perfect way shall serve me.
7 He shall not dwell in my house who acteth deceitfully :
He who speaketh falsehood shall not be established before
mine eyes.
8 Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land ;
That I may cut off from the city of Jehovah all the workers
of iniquity.

PSALM CII.

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he was faint, and poured forth his
complaint before Jehovah.

- 1 O JEHOVAH, hear my prayer,
And let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me,
In the day of my distress ;
Incline thine ear to me :
In the day when I call, speedily answer me.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are scorched as a firebrand.
4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered ;
For I forget to eat my food.

From the voice of my sighing,	5
My bones adhere to my skin.	
I am become like a pelican in the wilderness :	6
I am as an owl in the desert.	
I keep watch, like a lonely bird	7
Upon the house-top.	
Every day mine enemies reproach me ;	8
They who are mad against me have sworn against me.	
For I eat ashes as food,	9
And my drink I mingle with weeping,	
Because of thine indignation and thy wrath ;	10
For thou hast raised me up, and cast me down.	
My days are like a lengthened shadow ;	11
And I am withered like the herbage.	
But thou, O Jehovah, shalt sit for ever,	12
And thy remembrance shall be to all generations.	
Thou wilt arise, thou wilt have compassion on Zion :	13
For the time to favour her, for the appointed time, is come.	
Truly, thy servants have pleasure in her stones ;	14
Even her dust they favour.	
Then the nations shall fear the name of Jehovah,	15
And all kings of the earth thy glory.	
When Jehovah shall have rebuilt Zion,	16
He shall be seen in his glory.	
He will regard the prayer of the afflicted,	17
And he will not despise their prayer.	
This shall be written for the following generation ;	18
That the people to be created may praise Jehovah,	
Because he looked down from the height of his sanctuary :	19
From the heavens Jehovah beheld the earth,	
To hear the groaning of the prisoner,	20
To release those who were appointed to death ;	
That they may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion,	21
And his praise in Jerusalem ;	
When peoples shall be collected together,	22
And kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.	
He hath afflicted my strength in the way ;	23
He hath shortened my days.	
I say, "O my God, take me not away in the midst of my	24
days ;	
Thy years are through all generations.	
Of old thou foundedst the earth ;	25
And the heavens are the work of thy hands.	

- 26 These shall perish, but thou wilt endure ;
 Yea, all of them shall become old like a garment,
 As raiment thou shalt change them, and they shall be
 changed :
 27 But thou art the same,
 And thy years will have no end.
 28 May the children of thy servants dwell,
 And may their seed be established, before thee."

PSALM CIII.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 BLESS Jehovah, O my soul,
 And all within me, bless his holy name.
 2 Bless Jehovah, O my soul,
 And forget not all his benefits,
 3 Who pardoneth all thine iniquities ;
 Who healeth all thy diseases ;
 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction ;
 Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and compassion ;
 5 Who satisfieth thine age with good,
 So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 6 Jehovah executeth righteousness
 And judgment for all who are oppressed.
 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
 His acts to the children of Israel.
 8 Jehovah is merciful and gracious,
 Slow to anger, and abundant in kindness.
 9 He will not always contend ;
 Neither will he be angry with us for ever.
 10 He hath not dealt with us according to our sins,
 Nor requited us according to our iniquities.
 11 For as the height of the heavens above the earth,
 So great is his loving-kindness towards those who fear him.
 12 As far as the east is from the west,
 So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
 13 As a father hath compassion on his children,
 So Jehovah hath compassion on those who fear him.
 14 For he knoweth our frame ;
 He remembereth that we are dust.
 15 *As for* man, his days are as grass,
 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth :

For the wind passeth over it, and it is not ; 16
 And its place knoweth it no more.
 But the loving-kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting, 17
 And to everlasting, towards those who fear him ;
 And his righteousness to children's children ;
 To those who keep his covenant, 18
 And to those who remember his commandments, to do them.
 Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens ; 19
 And his kingdom ruleth over all.
 Bless Jehovah, all ye his angels, 20
 Mighty in power, doing his command,
 Harkening to the voice of his word.
 Bless Jehovah, all ye his hosts, 21
 His ministers, who do his pleasure.
 Bless Jehovah, all ye his works, 22
 In all places of his dominion.
 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

Bless Jehovah, O my soul. 1
 O Jehovah my God, thou art very great ;
 Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

He putteth on light as a garment ; 2
 He stretcheth out the heavens as an awning ;
 He constructeth in the waters his upper chamber : 3
 He maketh the clouds his chariot ;
 He rideth on the wings of the wind :
 He maketh the winds his messengers ; 4
 Flaming fire his ministers.
 He established the earth upon its foundations, 5
 That it might not be moved for ever and ever.

With the deep thou coveredst it as with a garment ; 6
 The waters stood above the mountains.
 At thy rebuke they fled ; 7
 At the sound of thy thunder they hasted away.
 They go up to the mountains, they go down into the 8
 valleys,
 To the place which thou hast founded for them.
 Thou hast set a boundary that they may not pass over ; 9
 That they may not again cover the earth.

- 10 He sendeth springs into the valleys,
Which take their course among the mountains.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field :
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 Near them the birds of the heavens dwell,
They sing among the leafy branches.
13 He watereth the hills from his upper chambers :
From the fruits of thy works the earth is satisfied.
14 He maketh grass to grow for cattle,
And herbage for the service of man.
15 He bringeth forth food from the earth,
And wine that rejoiceth the heart of man ;
Oil, to make his face shine,
And bread which sustaineth the heart of man.
16 The trees of Jehovah are filled ;
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ;
17 In which the birds build their nests :
The fir-trees are the house of the stork.
18 The lofty hills are for the rock-goats ;
The craggy rocks, a refuge for the cavies.
19 He hath made the moon for stated seasons :
The sun knoweth the time for its going down.
20 Thou bringest darkness, and it is night ;
In which every beast of the forest creepeth forth.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
Seeking their food from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they withdraw themselves,
And lie down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth to his work,
And to his labour, until the evening.
24 How manifold are thy works, O Jehovah !
In wisdom thou hast made them all.
The earth is full of thy riches.
25 The sea—great and wide !
There are moving things without number,
Living creatures, small and great.
26 There go ships ;
There is leviathan, which thou hast formed to play therein !
27 All these wait on thee,
To give to them their food in its season.
28 Thou givest to them, they gather it ;
Thou openest thy hand, they are satisfied with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled ;

Thou withdrawest their breath, they die,
 And to their dust they return.
 Thou sendest forth thy breath, they are created ; 30
 And thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of Jehovah shall endure for ever : 31
 Jehovah shall rejoice in his works.
 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ; 32
 He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
 I will sing to Jehovah while I live ; 33
 I will sing praise to my God while I endure.
 May my discourse be pleasing to him ! 34
 I will rejoice in Jehovah.

Let sinners be wholly removed out of the land ; 35
 And let the wicked be no more !
 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CV.

GIVE thanks to Jehovah ; call upon his name : 1
 Make known his deeds among the peoples.
 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him : 2
 Recount ye all his wonderful works.
 Glory in his holy name : 3
 Let the heart of those who seek Jehovah rejoice.
 Seek Jehovah and his power : 4
 Seek his face evermore.
 Remember the marvellous works he hath done, 5
 His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
 Ye seed of Abraham his servant, 6
 Ye children of Jacob his chosen one.

He is Jehovah our God : 7
 His judgments are in all the earth.
 He hath ever been mindful of his covenant, 8
 The promise which he gave to a thousand generations ;
The covenant which he made with Abraham, 9
 And his oath to Isaac ;
 Which he established to Jacob for a statute, 10
 To Israel an everlasting covenant :
 Saying, "To thee I will give the land of Canaan, 11

- The portion of your inheritance ;”
12 When they were but small in number,
Very few, and sojourners in it ;
13 And were going about from one nation to another,
From one kingdom to another people.
14 He suffered no man to oppress them ;
He even reprov'd kings on their account.
15 “Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.”
16 And he called for famine upon the land ;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent before them a man ;
Joseph was sold into slavery.
18 They hurt his feet with fetters ;
He was laid in iron.
19 Until the time when His word came ;
Until the word of Jehovah tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him ;
The ruler of peoples *sent*, and set him free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all that he possessed ;
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his aged men wisdom.
23 Then Israel went into Egypt ;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And He increased his people exceedingly,
And made them stronger than their adversaries.
25 Thus he turned their heart to hate his people,
To act deceitfully towards his servants.
26 He sent Moses, his servant ;
Aaron, whom he had chosen.
27 They wrought among them his signs,
And wonders, in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark :
And they rebelled not against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And slew all their fish.
30 The land swarmed with frogs,
In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and the beetle came ;
Gnats within all their boundaries.
32 He made their rain hail,
A flaming fire in their land.

And he smote their vines and their fig-trees ;	33
And brake in pieces the trees within their boundaries.	
He spake, and the locust came,	34
And the crested-locust, without number ;	
And it devoured all the herbage in the land,	35
And devoured the fruits of the ground.	
Then he smote all the first-born in their land,	36
The beginning of all their strength.	
And he brought them forth with silver and gold :	37
And among their tribes there was no one feeble.	
Egypt rejoiced at their departure ;	38
For their terror had fallen upon them.	
He spread abroad a cloud for a covering,	39
And fire to give light by night.	
They asked, and he brought quails ;	40
And with the bread of heaven he filled them.	
He opened a rock, and waters gushed out ;	41
They ran in dry places, a river.	
For he remembered his holy promise	42
To Abraham his servant.	
Therefore he brought out his people with joy,	43
His chosen ones with singing.	
And he gave them the lands of nations :	44
And the labour of peoples they inherited,	
In order that they might observe his statutes,	45
And keep his laws.	
Praise ye Jehovah.	

PSALM CVI.

Praise ye Jehovah.

GIVE thanks to Jehovah, for he is good ;	1
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
Who can utter the mighty acts of Jehovah ?	2
<i>Who</i> can make known all his praise ?	
Happy they who keep judgment,	3
Who do righteously at all times !	

Remember me, O Jehovah, with the favour of thy people :

Visit me with thy salvation ;	
That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen ones,	5
That I may rejoice in the joy of thy nation,	
That I may glory with thine inheritance.	

- 6 We have sinned as our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers in Egypt understood not thy wonderful
works :
They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies ;
But they rebelled at the sea, at the Red Sea.
8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
That he might make known his mighty power :
9 And he rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up ;
While he led them through the depths, as a desert ;
10 And he saved them from the hand of those who hated
them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 But the waters overwhelmed their adversaries ;
Not one of them was left.
12 Then they believed his words ;
They sang his praise.
13 They soon forgot his works ;
They waited not for his counsel ;
14 But longed eagerly in the desert,
And tried God in the wilderness.
15 So he granted them their request,
But sent a wasting disease amongst them.
16 Then they were jealous of Moses in the camp,
And of Aaron the holy one of Jehovah.
17 The earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan,
And covered the company of Abiram :
18 And fire consumed their company ;
A flame burnt up the wicked.
19 They made a calf at Horeb,
And worshipped the molten image ;
20 And they changed their glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
21 They forgot God who had saved them ;
Who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful works in the land of Ham,
Terrible things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
Had not Moses, his chosen one,
Stood in the breach before him,
To turn away his wrath from destroying them.
24 Then they despised the desirable land ;
They trusted not in his word,

But murmured in their tents :	25
They would not listen to the voice of Jehovah.	
Therefore he raised his hand concerning them,	26
That he would cause them to fall in the desert ;	
That he would cause their seed to fall among the nations,	27
And scatter them in the lands.	
They joined themselves to Baal-Peor,	28
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.	
And they provoked <i>him</i> to anger by their doings ;	29
So that a plague broke in upon them.	
Then Phinehas arose, and executed justice ;	30
And the plague was restrained.	
And this was counted to him for righteousness,	31
To all generations for ever.	
Again they angered <i>him</i> at the waters of Meribah,	32
And Moses suffered on their account :	
For they provoked his spirit,	33
So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.	
They destroyed not the peoples,	34
As Jehovah had commanded them ;	
But mingled themselves with the nations,	35
And learned their works ;	
And they served their idols,	36
And these became a snare to them.	
They even sacrificed their sons	37
And their daughters to demons ;	
And they poured forth innocent blood,	38
The blood of their sons and daughters,	
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan :	
So that the land was profaned by blood.	
And they were polluted by their works,	39
And went astray by their doings.	
Therefore the anger of Jehovah was hot against his	40
people,	
And he abhorred his own inheritance.	
And he gave them into the power of the nations ;	41
And they who hated them ruled over them.	
And their enemies oppressed them,	42
And they bowed down under their power.	
Many times he delivered them ;	43
Yet they provoked him by their counsel,	
And were brought low by their iniquity.	
Yet he regarded their affliction,	44

- When he heard their cry ;
 45 And remembered for them his covenant,
 And repented according to the greatness of his loving-kindness.
 46 And he made them to be pitied
 In the sight of all who had carried them away captive.
 47 Save us, O Jehovah our God,
 And gather us from among the nations,
 To give thanks to thy holy name,
 To triumph in thy praise.
- 48 Blessed be Jehovah, God of Israel,
 From everlasting to everlasting :
 And let all the people say, Amen.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CVII.

- 1 GIVE thanks to Jehovah, for he is good ;
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
 2 *Thus* let the redeemed of Jehovah say,
 Those whom he hath redeemed from the power of the adversary ;
 3 And whom he hath gathered from the lands,
 From the east and from the west,
 From the north and from the south.
 4 They were wandering in a desert, in a wilderness ;
 The way to a habitable city they could not find.
 5 Hungry and thirsty,
 Their soul fainted within them.
 6 Then they cried to Jehovah in their trouble,
 He delivered them from their distresses ;
 7 And he led them by a strait path,
 That they might go to a habitable city.
- 8 Let them praise Jehovah for his loving-kindness,
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men.
 9 For he hath satisfied the craving soul,
 And the famished soul he hath filled with good.
- 10 They were sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death,
 Bound by affliction and iron ;

Because they had rebelled against the words of God, 11
 And contemned the counsel of the Most High.
 Therefore he bowed down their heart with sorrow ; 12
 They fell, and there was none to help.

Then they cried to Jehovah in their trouble, 13
 From their distresses he delivered them.
 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, 14
 And their bands he brake asunder.

Let them praise Jehovah for his loving-kindness, 15
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men.
 For he hath broken the gates of brass, 16
 And the bars of iron he hath cut asunder.

Foolish men, because of their transgressions, 17
 And because of their iniquities, were afflicted :
 All sorts of food their soul abhorred ; 18
 They drew nigh to the gates of death.

Then they cried to Jehovah in their trouble : 19
 From their distresses he delivered them.
 He sent his word and healed them, 20
 And delivered them from their destruction.

Let them praise Jehovah for his loving-kindness, 21
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men.
 And let them offer the sacrifices of praise, 22
 And recount his deeds with rejoicing.

They who go down to the sea in ships, 23
 Who transact business on the great waters,
 These see the works of Jehovah, 24
 And his wonders in the deep ;
 How he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, 25
 Which lifteth up the waves on high.
 They mount up to the heavens ; they sink down to the 26
 depths ;

Their spirit melteth in their calamity.
 They reel and stagger like a drunken man, 27
 And all their skill is of none effect.
 Then they cry to Jehovah in their trouble, 28
 And he delivereth them from their distresses.
 He turneth the stormy wind into a calm, 29
 And their waves are hushed.

30 Then they rejoice because they are still ;
And he bringeth them to their desired haven.

31 Let them praise Jehovah for his loving-kindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men.
32 And let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
And in the assembly of the elders let them praise him.

33 He turneth rivers into a desert,
And springs of water into dry ground ;
34 A fruitful land into a barren soil,
For the wickedness of those who dwell therein.
35 He turneth a desert into a pool of water,
And a dry land into springs of water.
36 And there he maketh the famished to dwell,
That they may prepare a habitable city ;
37 And may sow fields, and plant vineyards,
Which may yield fruits of increase.
38 And he blesseth them, so that they are multiplied greatly ;
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 They had been reduced and bowed down
By oppression, affliction, and sorrow :
40 He had poured contempt upon princes,
And made them to wander in a pathless waste ;
41 But he raiseth the needy from affliction,
And maketh their families like a flock.
42 The upright shall see, and shall rejoice,
While all iniquity shall shut her mouth.

43 Who is wise and will observe these things,
He shall discern the loving-kindness of Jehovah.

PSALM CVIII.

An Ode. A Psalm of David.

1 My heart is fixed, O God ;
I will sing and give praise.
2 Awake, my glory ; awake, lute and harp ;
I will awake early.
3 I will praise thee among the peoples, O Jehovah,
And I will sing of thee among the nations ;
4 For thy loving-kindness reacheth unto the heavens,
And unto the clouds thy faithfulness.

Exalt thyself above the heavens, O God ;	5
Let thy glory be above all the earth !	
That thy beloved may be delivered,	6
Save with thy right-hand, and hear me.	
God hath spoken in his sanctuary.	7
I will exult ; I will apportion Shechem,	
And the valley of Succoth I will measure out.	
Gilead shall be mine ; and Manasseh shall be mine,	8
And Ephraim shall be the strength of my head.	
Judah shall be my leader.	
Moab shall be my washing-basin ;	9
Upon Edom I will cast my sandal ;	
Over Philistia I will shout aloud.	
Who will bring me to the fortified city ?	10
Who will conduct me to Edom ?	
Wilt not thou, O God, who hadst cast us off ?	11
And wilt not thou go forth, O God, with our hosts ?	
O grant us help from trouble ;	12
Since vain is the help of man.	
Through God we shall do valiantly :	13
For he himself will tread down our adversaries.	

PSALM CIX.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

O GOD of my praise, be not silent ;	1
For the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth of the de-	2
ceitful	
Are opened against me :	
They speak against me with a lying tongue.	
With words of hatred also they compass me about,	3
And fight against me without cause.	
In return for my love, they are adverse to me ;	4
But I <i>offer</i> prayer.	
Yet they would bring evil upon me in return for good,	5
And hatred in return for my love.	
"Give him in charge," <i>they say</i> , "to a wicked man,	6
And let an accuser stand at his right-hand.	
When he is judged, let him come forth guilty,	7
And let his prayer be accounted sin.	
May his days be few :	8
His office may another take.	
May his children be fatherless, !	9

And his wife a widow.

- 10 May his children wander about and beg,
And from their desolate places, seek *their bread*.
- 11 May the usurer seize upon all he hath;
And may strangers plunder his substance.
- 12 May there be no one to extend kindness to him;
Neither may there be any one to favour his fatherless
children.
- 13 May his posterity be cut off;
In the next generation may his name be blotted out.
- 14 May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered by Jehovah,
And may the sin of his mother not be blotted out.
- 15 May they be before Jehovah continually,
That he may cut off their memory from the earth.
- 16 Because he remembered not to show kindness,
But persecuted the man who was afflicted and needy,
And broken-hearted, that he might put them to death.
- 17 As he loved cursing, so may it come upon him:
As he delighted not in blessing, so may it be far from him.
- 18 And may he be clothed with cursing as with a garment:
May it enter like water into his bowels,
And like oil into his bones.
- 19 May it be to him as the robe with which he covereth himself,
And as the girdle with which he is continually girded."
- 20 Such be the reward of my accusers from Jehovah!
And of those who speak evil against my life.
- 21 But do thou, O Jehovah, defend me for the sake of thy
name;
Because thy loving-kindness is good, deliver me.
- 22 For I am afflicted and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
- 23 As the shadow when it is lengthened, I am going away:
I am driven about like the locust.
- 24 My knees are become weak through fasting;
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
- 25 I am also a subject of reproach to them:
When they see me, they shake their heads.
- 26 Help me, O Jehovah, my God:
Save me, according to thy loving-kindness;
- 27 That they may know that it is thy hand,
That thou, O Jehovah, hast done this.
- 28 Let them curse, but bless thou:

Let them rise up, and be ashamed, but let thy servant
rejoice.

May my accusers be clothed with shame; 29

May they cover themselves with their shame as with a
mantle.

I will greatly praise Jehovah, with my mouth; 30

And in the midst of the multitude I will praise him;

Because he standeth at the right hand of the needy, 31

To save him from those who would condemn his life.

PSALM CX.

A Psalm of David.

JEHOVAH said unto my Lord, 1

“Sit thou at my right-hand,

Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Jehovah shall send forth from Zion the sceptre of thy power: 2

Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.”

Thy people shall be most willing in the day of thine army, 3
in the holy mountains;

More than *the dew* from the womb of the morning shall
be the dew of thy youth.

Jehovah hath sworn, and he will not repent, 4

“Thou shalt be a priest for ever

According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Jehovah, at thy right-hand, 5

Shall smite kings in the day of his anger.

He shall judge the nations; he shall fill them with dead 6
bodies;

He shall wound the head over a spacious land.

From the torrent by the way he shall drink: 7

Wherefore he shall lift up his head.

PSALM CXI.

PRAISE ye Jehovah.

I will give thanks to Jehovah with my whole heart, 1

In the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the deeds of Jehovah, 2

Sought after by all who delight in them.

Glorious and honourable is his work, 3

And his righteousness remaineth for ever.

He hath made his wonders a memorial: 4

Gracious and full of compassion is Jehovah.

- 5 He gave food to those who feared him :
 He ever remembereth his covenant.
 6 The power of his works he hath shown to his people,
 By giving to them the inheritance of nations.
 7 The works of his hands are truth and justice :
 All his commandments are sure ;
 8 Steadfast for ever and ever,
 Being done in truth and uprightness.
 9 He hath sent redemption to his people ;
 He hath appointed his covenant for ever :
 Holy and venerable is his name.
 10 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom :
 A good understanding have all they who do *it* :
 His praise remaineth for ever.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CXII.

- 1 HAPPY the man who feareth Jehovah,
 Who delighteth greatly in his commandments.
 2 His seed shall be mighty in the land ;
 The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
 3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house ;
 And his righteousness shall endure for ever.
 4 Light ariseth in darkness upon the upright :
 Upon him who is gracious, and full of compassion, and
 righteous.
 5 It is good for a man to be gracious and to lend :
 He will maintain his cause in judgment.
 6 Surely he shall never be moved :
 The just shall be in everlasting remembrance.
 7 At the report of evil he will not be afraid :
 His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.
 8 His heart is established, he will not fear,
 Till he see *his desire on* his enemies.
 9 He disperseth ; he giveth to the poor ;
 His righteousness remaineth for ever ;
 His horn shall be exalted in honour.
 10 The wicked man shall see and be grieved ;
 He shall gnash his teeth and pine away :
 The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye Jehovah.

Praise ye, O ye servants of Jehovah,	1
Praise ye the name of Jehovah.	
May the name of Jehovah be blessed,	2
From this time and for evermore.	
From the rising of the sun to its going down,	3
Praised be the name of Jehovah.	
High above all nations is Jehovah;	4
Above the heavens is his glory.	
Who is like to Jehovah our God?	5
Who exalteth himself to dwell in the heavens;	
Who humbleth himself to regard the earth;	6
Who raiseth the needy from the dust,	7
And exalteth the poor from the dung-hill;	
To seat him with nobles,	8
With the nobles of his people;	
Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house,	9
A joyful mother of sons.	
Praise ye Jehovah.	

PSALM CXIV.

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt,	1
The house of Jacob from a people of a barbarous tongue,	
Judah was his sanctuary,	2
Israel his dominion.	
The sea saw, and fled;	3
Jordan turned back.	
The mountains skipped like rams,	4
The hills like lambs.	
What ailed thee, O sea, that thou fleddest?	5
O Jordan, that thou turnedst back?	
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams?	6
Ye hills, like lambs?	
At the presence of the Lord, tremble, O earth,	7
At the presence of the God of Jacob;	
Who turned the rock into a pool of water,	8
The flinty-rock, into fountains of water.	

PSALM CXV.

1 NOT unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us,
But unto thy name give glory,
For the sake of thy loving-kindness, and for the sake of
thy truth.

2 Why should the nations say,
“Where now is their God?”
3 Truly our God is in the heavens;
He doeth whatsoever he pleaseth.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men’s hands.
5 They have a mouth, but they speak not;
They have eyes, but they see not;
6 They have ears, but they hear not;
They have a nose, but they smell not;
7 Hands, but they handle not;
Feet, but they walk not;
They make no sound with their throat.
8 They who make them are like unto them;
So is every one who trusteth in them.

9 The house of Israel trusteth in Jehovah:
He is their help and their shield.
10 The house of Aaron trusteth in Jehovah:
He is their help and their shield.
11 They who fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah;
He is their help and their shield.
12 Jehovah hath been mindful of us.
He will bless, he will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron;
13 He will bless those who fear Jehovah,
The small and the great.

14 Jehovah will increase *his blessings* upon you;
Upon you and upon your children.
15 Blessed are ye of Jehovah,
Who made the heavens and the earth.

16 The heavens, the heavens are for Jehovah;
But the earth he hath given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not Jehovah,

Neither any of those who are gone down into silence.
 But we will bless Jehovah
 From this time and for evermore.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

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PSALM CXVI.

I LOVE Jehovah, because he hath heard
 The voice of my supplication. 1
 Because he hath inclined his ear to me, 2
 Therefore as long as I live, I will call upon him.
 The toils of death surrounded me, 3
 And the distresses of the grave had found me :
 I had found distress and sorrow.
 Then I called on the name of Jehovah, 4
 " O Jehovah, deliver my soul ! "
 Gracious is Jehovah and righteous ; 5
 Yea, our God is full of compassion.
 Jehovah preserveth the simple ; 6
 I was brought low and he saved me.
 Return my soul to thy rest ; 7
 For Jehovah hath dealt kindly with thee.
 For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, 8
 Mine eyes from tears, my feet from falling.
 I shall walk before Jehovah, 9
 In the land of the living.
 I believed, although I said, 10
 " I am exceedingly afflicted."
Although I said in my perturbation, 11
 " All men are false."
 What shall I render to Jehovah, 12
 For all his benefits towards me ?
 I will take the cup of salvation, 13
 And call on the name of Jehovah.
 I will pay my vows to Jehovah, 14
 In the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the eyes of Jehovah 15
 Is the death of his saints.
 O Jehovah, truly I am thy servant ; 16
 I am thy servant, and the son of thy hand-maid :
 Thou hast loosed my bonds.
 To thee will I sacrifice the sacrifice of thanksgiving, 17
 And I will call on the name of Jehovah.

- 18 I will pay my vows to Jehovah,
In the presence of all his people;
19 In the courts of the house of Jehovah,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CXVII.

- 1 PRAISE Jehovah, all ye nations :
Praise him, all ye peoples.
2 For his loving-kindness is great towards us ;
And the faithfulness of Jehovah *endureth* for ever.
Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CXVIII.

- 1 GIVE thanks to Jehovah ; for he is good :
For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
2 Let the house of Israel now say,
“ His loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.”
3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
“ His loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.”
4 Let those who fear Jehovah now say,
“ His loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.”
5 In distress I called on Jehovah :
Jehovah answered me in a wide place.
6 Jehovah is for me ;
I will not fear what man can do unto me.
7 Jehovah is for me, among those who help me ;
Therefore I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.
8 It is better to trust in Jehovah,
Than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in Jehovah,
Than to put confidence in princes.
10 All the nations encompassed me :
In the name of Jehovah, truly, I cut them off.
11 They encompassed me, yea, they encompassed me :
Verily, in the name of Jehovah, I cut them off.
12 They encompassed me like a swarm of bees :
They are quenched as a fire of thorns :

Verily, in the name of Jehovah, I cut them off.
 Thou didst thrust violently at me, that I might fall ; 13
 But Jehovah helped me.
 Jehovah is my strength and my song, 14
 And he hath been my salvation.
 The voice of singing and salvation 15
 Is in the tents of the righteous.
 "The right-hand of Jehovah hath done valiantly ; 16
 The right-hand of Jehovah is exalted ;
 The right-hand of Jehovah hath done valiantly."
 I shall not die, but I shall live, 17
 That I may declare the deeds of Jehovah.
 Severely hath Jehovah chastened me ; 18
 But he hath not given me over to death.
 Open to me the gates of righteousness, 19
 That I may enter them and give thanks to Jehovah.

This is the gate of Jehovah : 20
 The righteous shall enter it.

I will give thanks to thee, for thou hast answered me, 21
 And hast been my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused 22
 Is become the chief corner-stone.
 This hath been from Jehovah ; 23
 It is wonderful in our eyes.
 This is the day which Jehovah hath made ; 24
 We will exult and rejoice in it.
 O Jehovah, save now, we pray thee ; 25
 O Jehovah, send now, we pray thee, prosperity.

Blessed be he who cometh in the name of Jehovah : 26
 We bless you from the house of Jehovah.
 Jehovah is God, who hath enlightened us. 27
 Bind the sacrifice with cords ;
Bring it to the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will give thee thanks ; 28
 My God, I will exalt thee.

Give thanks to Jehovah, for he is good ; 29
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

- 1 HAPPY they who are perfect in the way,
Who walk in the law of Jehovah.-
2 Happy they who keep his testimonies ;
Who with their whole heart seek him.
3 Who also do not iniquity ;
Who walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded that thy precepts
Should be observed diligently.
5 O that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes !
6 Then I shall not be ashamed,
When I regard all thy commandments.
7 I will praise thee in uprightness of heart,
When I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
8 I will observe thy statutes :
Forsake me not utterly.
- 9 Wherewith shall a young man make pure his way ?
By observing thy words.
10 With my whole heart I have sought thee ;
Let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 I have hidden thy words in my heart,
That I may not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O Jehovah ;
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgments of thy mouth.
14 I greatly rejoice in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as for all riches.
15 I meditate in thy precepts,
And I look to thy ways.
16 I delight in thy statutes :
I forget not thy word.
- 17 Recompense thy servant, that I may live,
And observe thy words.
18 Uncover mine eyes, that I may see
The wonders of thy law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth ;
Hide not from me thy commandments.
20 My spirit is broken, through the desire

Of thy judgments at all times.
Thou rebukest the proud, the accursed, 21
Who wander from thy commandments.
Remove from me reproach and contempt ; 22
For I have kept thy testimonies.
Princes truly sit, they speak against me ; 23
Thy servant meditateth in thy statutes.
Thy testimonies are indeed my delight, 24
My counsellors.

My spirit cleaveth to the dust ; 25
Revive me according to thy word.
My ways I declare unto thee ; O answer me : 26
Teach me thy statutes.
Make me to understand the way of thy precepts ; 27
And I will meditate on thy wonders.
My spirit is poured forth through sorrow : 28
Raise me up according to thy words.
Turn aside the way of falsehood from me, 29
And graciously grant me thy law.
The way of truth I have chosen ; 30
Thy judgments I set before me.
I cleave to thy testimonies : 31
O Jehovah, let me not be ashamed.
I will run in the way of thy commandments, 32
When thou shalt have enlarged my heart.

Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy statutes ; 33
And I will keep it to the end.
Cause me to understand, that I may keep thy law, 34
And observe it with my whole heart.
Guide me in the path of thy commandments ; 35
For in it I delight.
Incline my heart to thy testimonies, 36
And not to covetousness.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity : 37
Enliven me in thy way.
Establish thy word to thy servant, 38
Who is *devoted* to thy fear.
Turn away my reproach, which I dread ; 39
For thy judgments are good.
Lo, I have a desire for thy precepts : 40
In thy righteousness revive me.

- 41 And let thy loving-kindness, O Jehovah, come to me ;
Thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 Then shall I be able to answer him who reproacheth me ;
For I trust in thy words.
43 And take not utterly from my mouth the word of truth ;
For in thy judgments I hope.
44 Then shall I observe thy law continually,
For ever and ever.
45 And I shall walk in a wide place ;
Because I have kept thy precepts.
46 And I will speak of thy testimonies
Before kings, and not be ashamed.
47 And I will greatly delight in thy commandments,
Which I love.
48 And I will lift up my hands to thy commandments,
Which I love ; and I will meditate in thy statutes.
- 49 Remember thy word to thy servant,
On which thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction,
That thy word reviveth me.
51 The proud deride me greatly :
From thy law I turn not aside.
52 I remember thy judgments of old,
O Jehovah, and comfort myself.
53 Great sorrow hath seized me,
On account of the wicked who forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes are my songs
In the house of my sojourning.
55 In the night I remember thy name, O Jehovah,
And I observe thy law.
56 This I have,
Because I keep thy precepts.
- 57 My portion, O Jehovah, I have said,
Is to observe thy words.
58 I entreat thy favour with my whole heart :
Be gracious to me according to thy word.
59 I consider my ways,
And turn my feet to thy statutes.
60 I make haste and delay not
To observe thy commandments.
61 The cords of wicked men are about me ;

Thy law I forget not.	
At midnight I rise to give thanks to thee,	62
On account of thy righteous judgments.	
I am a friend of all who fear thee,	63
And of those who observe thy precepts.	
The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy loving-kindness :	64
Teach me thy statutes.	
Thou dealest well with thy servant,	65
According to thy word, O Jehovah.	
Teach me good judgment and knowledge :	66
For I believe thy commandments.	
Before I was afflicted, I went astray,	67
But now I observe thy word.	
Thou art good, and doest good :	68
Teach me thy statutes.	
The proud devise falsehood against me :	69
I with my whole heart keep thy precepts.	
Their heart is gross as fat :	70
I greatly rejoice in thy law.	
It hath been good for me that I have been afflicted,	71
That I might learn thy statutes.	
Better to me is the law of thy mouth	72
Than thousands of gold and silver.	
Thy hands made me and fashioned me :	73
Give me understanding that I may learn thy command- ments.	
They who fear thee will see me and rejoice,	74
Because I have hoped in thy word.	
I know, O Jehovah, that thy judgments are righteous,	75
And that in faithfulness thou afflictest me.	
Let now thy kindness be for my comfort,	76
According to thy promise to thy servant.	
Let thy compassion come to me, that I may live ;	77
For thy law is my delight.	
Let the proud be ashamed that they have subverted me falsely :	78
I meditate in thy precepts.	
Let them turn to me who fear thee,	79
And who know thy testimonies.	
Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes,	80
That I may not be ashamed.	

- 81 My soul faileth for thy salvation ;
 In thy word I trust.
 82 Mine eyes fail for thy promise,
 While I say, " When wilt thou comfort me ?"
 83 Though I am like a bottle in the smoke,
 I do not forget thy statutes.
 84 How many are the days of thy servant ?
 When wilt thou execute judgment on those who persecute
 me ?
 85 The proud dig pits for me ;
 Which is not according to thy law.
 86 All thy commandments are faithful ;
 They persecute me wrongfully ; help thou me.
 87 They have almost consumed me in the land ;
 Yet I forsake not thy precepts.
 88 According to thy loving-kindness revive me ;
 And I will observe the testimonies of thy mouth.

 89 For ever, O Jehovah,
 Thy word is fixed in the heavens.
 90 Thy faithfulness is to all generations ;
 Thou hast established the earth and it abideth.
 91 According to thine appointment they abide unto this day,
 Because all are thy servants.
 92 Had not thy law been my great delight,
 I should long ago have perished in mine affliction.
 9 3 Never will I forget thy precepts ;
 For by them thou revivest me.
 94 Thine I am, save me :
 I seek for thy precepts.
 95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me :
 I consider thy testimonies.
 96 I have seen a limit to all perfection :
 Thy commandment is exceedingly wide.

 7 How I love thy law !
 It is my meditation all the day.
 98 Thy commandment maketh me wiser than mine enemies :
 For it is ever with me.
 99 I have more skill than all my teachers ;
 Because thy testimonies are my meditation.
 100 I understand more than the aged ;
 Because I keep thy precepts.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, 101
 That I may observe thy word.
 I depart not from thy judgments; 102
 For thou hast instructed me.
 How sweet to my palate are thy words ! 103
 Sweeter than honey to my mouth !
 From thy precepts I get understanding; 104
 Wherefore I hate every false way.

Thy word is a lamp to my feet, 105
 And a light to my path.
 I have sworn, and I will perform it, 106
 To observe thy righteous judgments.
 I am exceedingly afflicted; 107
 Revive me, O Jehovah, according to thy word.
 Accept, O Jehovah, the free-will offerings of my mouth, 108
 And teach me thy judgments.
 My life is continually in my hand; 109
 But thy law I forget not.
 The wicked have placed a snare for me; 110
 But I have not wandered from thy precepts.
 Thy testimonies I possess as a perpetual heritage; 111
 For they are the joy of my heart.
 I have inclined my heart to do thy statutes, 112
 For ever, unto the end.

Double-minded men I hate; 113
 But thy law I love.
 Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: 114
 In thy word I hope.
 Depart from me ye who do evil; 115
 For I will keep the commandments of my God.
 Uphold me according to thy word, that I may live; 116
 And make me not ashamed of my expectation.
 Support me and I shall be saved; 117
 And I will regard thy statutes continually.
 Thou rejectest all those who wander from thy statutes; 118
 For their deceit is falsehood.
 Thou accountest all the wicked of the land as dross; 119
 Wherefore I love thy statutes.
 My flesh trembleth through dread of thee; 120
 And I am afraid of thy judgments.

- 121 Thou doest judgment and righteousness :
Leave me not to those who oppress me.
122 Be a surety for thy servant for good ;
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
And for thy righteous promise.
124 Deal with thy servant according to thy loving-kindness,
And teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant ; give me understanding,
That I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee to execute *judgment*, O Jehovah :
They make void thy law.
127 Therefore I love thy commandments
More than gold, and fine gold.
128 Therefore all *thy* precepts I account altogether right :
I hate every false way.
- 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful :
Therefore my soul keepeth them.
130 The opening of thy word enlighteneth,
Giving understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth, and I pant ;
Because I long for thy commandments.
132 Look to me, and be gracious to me,
As is just to those who love thee.
133 Establish my steps by thy word ;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep thy precepts.
135 Cause thy face to shine upon thy servant ;
And teach me thy statutes.
136 Rivers of waters run down *from* mine eyes,
Because they keep not thy law.
- 137 Righteous art thou, O Jehovah,
And upright are thy judgments.
138 Thou hast commanded righteousness in thy testimonies,
And perfect truth.
139 My zeal consumeth me ;
Because my adversaries forget thy words.
140 Thy word is very pure ;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.
141 Mean am I and despised ;

Thy precepts I do not forget.	
Thy righteousness is everlasting righteousness,	142
And thy law is truth.	
Distress and anguish have overtaken me ;	143
Thy commandments are my great delight.	
The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting :	144
Cause me to understand, that I may live.	
I call with my whole heart ;	145
Answer me, O Jehovah : I keep thy statutes.	
I call to thee ; save me,	146
Since I observe thy testimonies.	
I prevent the dawn and cry :	147
In thy word I hope.	
My eyes prevent the night-watches,	148
While I meditate in thy word.	
Hear my voice, according to thy loving-kindness, O Je-	149
hovah :	
Revive me according to thy judgments.	
They draw near who follow after mischief :	150
They are far removed from thy law.	
Thou art near, O Jehovah,	151
And all thy commandments are truth.	
Of old I have known respecting thy testimonies,	152
That thou hast founded them for ever.	
See my affliction and deliver me ;	153
For I do not forget thy law.	
Plead my cause and redeem me :	154
Revive me according to thy promise.	
Salvation is far from the wicked :	155
For thy statutes they seek not.	
Thy compassions are many, O Jehovah :	156
According to thy judgments, revive me.	
Many are my persecutors and my adversaries ;	157
From thy testimonies I do not decline.	
I see transgressors and loathe <i>them</i> ,	158
Because they keep not thy word.	
See how I love thy precepts ;	159
O Jehovah, according to thy loving-kindness, revive me.	
The beginning of thy word is truth,	160
And all thy righteous judgments are for ever.	

- 161 Princes persecute me without cause :
 But my heart is in awe of thy word.
 162 I rejoice in thy promise,
 As one who findeth great spoil.
 163 Falsehood I hate and abhor ;
 Thy law I love.
 164 Seven times in the day I praise thee,
 On account of thy righteous judgments.
 165 Great peace have they who love thy law,
 And nothing causeth them to stumble.
 166 I expect thy salvation, O Jehovah,
 And I do thy commandments.
 167 My soul observeth thy testimonies,
 And I love them exceedingly.
 168 I observe thy precepts and thy testimonies :
 Surely all my ways are before thee.

 169 Let my cry come before thee, O Jehovah :
 Make me to understand, according to thy word.
 170 Let my supplication come before thee :
 According to thy promise, deliver me.
 171 My lips shall utter praise,
 When thou shalt have taught me thy statutes.
 172 My tongue shall speak of thy promise ;
 For all thy commandments are just.
 173 Let thy hand help me ;
 For thy precepts I have chosen.
 174 I have desired thy salvation, O Jehovah,
 And thy law is my delight.
 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,
 And let thy judgments help me.
 176 I am wandering as a lost sheep ; seek thy servant ;
 For thy commandments I forget not.

PSALM CXX.

An Ode of Ascents.

- 1 To Jehovah in my distress
 I called, and he answered me.
 O Jehovah, deliver me
 From a lying lip, from a deceitful tongue.
 3 What shall be given to thee,
 Or what gain shalt thou have, thou false tongue ?

Sharp arrows of a strong man,	4
And brands of broom-wood.	
Alas for me that I should sojourn in Mesech,	5
That I should dwell with the tents of Kedar !	
Too long have I dwelt	6
With those who hate peace.	
I am for peace, but, when I speak,	7
They are for war.	

PSALM CXXI.

An Ode of Ascents.

I WILL lift up mine eyes to the mountains,	1
Whence cometh my help.	
My help <i>cometh</i> from Jehovah,	2
Who made the heavens and the earth.	
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :	3
He slumbereth not who keepeth thee.	
Lo, he slumbereth not, neither doth he sleep,	4
Who keepeth Israel.	
Jehovah keepeth thee ;	5
Jehovah is thy shade on thy right-hand.	
The sun shall not smite thee by day,	6
Nor the moon by night.	
Jehovah shall keep thee from every evil ;	7
He shall keep thy life.	
Jehovah shall keep thy going out, and thy coming in,	8
From this time and for ever.	

PSALM CXXII.

An Ode of Ascents, by David.

I REJOICED when it was said unto me,	1
“ Let us go to the house of Jehovah.”	
May our feet stand	2
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem !	
Jerusalem is builded	3
As a city compacted together.	
Thither go up the tribes,	4
The tribes of Jehovah, as a testimony to Israel,	
To give thanks to the name of Jehovah.	
For there are set the thrones of judgment,	5
The thrones of the house of David.	

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
May they prosper who love thee !
- 7 Peace be within thy walls !
Prosperity within thy palaces !
- 8 For the sake of my brethren and friends,
I will now say, Peace be within thee !
- 9 For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God,
I will seek good for thee.

PSALM CXXIII.

An Ode of Ascents.

- 1 To thee I lift up mine eyes,
Who dwellest in the heavens.
- 2 Lo, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their
masters,
As the eyes of a maid-servant, to the hand of her
mistress,
So our eyes *look* to Jehovah our God,
Till he shall be gracious to us.
- 3 Be gracious to us, O Jehovah, be gracious to us :
For we are greatly filled with contempt.
- 4 Our soul is greatly filled
With the derision of those who are at ease,
With the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

An Ode of Ascents, by David.

- 1 HAD it not been Jehovah who was for us,
May Israel now say ;
- 2 Had it not been Jehovah who was for us,
When men rose up against us,
3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive,
When their anger was hot against us :
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us,
The torrent would have passed over our soul :
- 5 Then would the proud waters
Have passed over our soul.
- 6 Blessed be Jehovah,
Who hath not given us a prey to their teeth.

Our soul, like a bird, hath escaped 7
 From the snare of the fowlers :
 The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
 Our help is in the name of Jehovah, 8
 Who made the heavens and the earth.

PSALM CXXV.

An Ode of Ascents.

THEY who trust in Jehovah shall be like mount Zion : 1
 It cannot be moved, it remaineth for ever.
 Mountains are about Jerusalem, 2
 And Jehovah is about his people,
 From this time and for ever.
 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest 3
 Upon the lot of the righteous ;
 Lest the righteous should put forth their hands to iniquity.
 Do good, O Jehovah, to the good, 4
 And to the upright in their hearts.
 But those who turn aside into their crooked paths 5
 Jehovah will destroy with the workers of iniquity.
 Peace be on Israel !

PSALM CXXVI.

An Ode of Ascents.

WHEN Jehovah turned again the captivity of Zion, 1
 We were as those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, 2
 And our tongue with shouting.
 Then they said among the nations,
 " Jehovah hath done great things for them."
 Jehovah hath done great things for us : 3
 We rejoice.
 Turn again our captivity, O Jehovah, 4
 As torrents in the south.
 May they who sowed in tears 5
 Reap in joy !
 May he who went out weeping, 6
 Bearing a cast of seed,
 Come back with shouting,
 Bringing in his sheaves.

PSALM CXXVII.

An Ode of Ascents, by Solomon.

- 1 IF Jehovah build not the house,
In vain do they labour who build it :
If Jehovah keep not the city,
In vain doth he watch who keepeth it.
- 2 Vain is it for you to rise up early,
To go late to rest,
To eat the bread of sorrows :
Truly He giveth to his beloved sleep.
- 3 Lo, sons are an inheritance of Jehovah ;
The fruit of the womb, a reward.
- 4 As arrows in the hand of a strong man,
Are the sons of the youthful.
- 5 Happy the man, who hath filled his quiver with them :
They shall not be ashamed when they plead with their
enemies at the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

An Ode of Ascents.

- 1 HAPPY is every one who feareth Jehovah ;
Who walketh in his ways.
- 2 The labour of thy hands thou shalt surely eat :
Happy shalt thou be, and *it shall be* well with thee.
- 3 Thy wife shall be like a fruitful vine,
In the inner chambers of thy house :
Thy sons like olive plants,
Around thy table.
- 4 Lo, surely thus shall the man be blessed
Who feareth Jehovah.
- 5 Jehovah will bless thee from Zion,
And thou shalt behold the good of Jerusalem,
All the days of thy life.
- 6 And thou shalt see thy children's children.
Peace be on Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

An Ode of Ascents.

- 1 MUCH have they afflicted me from my youth,
May Israel now say :
- 2 Much have they afflicted me from my youth,

Yet have they not prevailed against me.
 The ploughers have ploughed on my back; 3
 They made long their furrows.
 Jehovah is righteous: 4
 He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
 Ashamed and turned back 5
 Be all those who hate Zion!
 May they be like grass upon the house tops, 6
 Which withereth before it is plucked up!
 With which the reaper filleth not his hand, 7
 Nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom;
 Neither do they who are passing by say, 8
 "The blessing of Jehovah be upon you!
 We bless you in the name of Jehovah."

PSALM CXXX.

An Ode of Ascents.

FROM the depths I cry to thee, O Jehovah. 1
 O Jehovah, hear my voice; 2
 Let thine ears attend to the voice of my supplications.
 If thou shouldest observe iniquities, O Jehovah, 3
 O Jehovah, who could stand?
 But with thee is forgiveness, 4
 That thou mayest be revered.
 I wait for Jehovah, my soul waiteth, 5
 And in his word I hope.
 My soul *watcheth* for the Lord 6
 More than they who watch for the morning;
 Than they who watch for the morning.
 Let Israel rely on Jehovah; 7
 For with Jehovah is loving-kindness,
 And with him abundant redemption.
 And he will redeem Israel 8
 From all his iniquities.

PSALM CXXXI.

An Ode of Ascents, by David.

O JEHOVAH, my heart is not haughty, 1
 Nor are mine eyes lofty;
 Neither do I employ myself in great things,
 Or in things too wonderful for me.

- 2 Truly I have composed and quieted my spirit,
 As a weaned child towards its mother :
 As a weaned child is my spirit within me.
- 3 Let Israel rely on Jehovah,
 From this time and for ever.

PSALM CXXXII.

An Ode of Ascents.

- 1 JEHOVAH, remember David,
 All his afflictions ;
- 2 Who sware to Jehovah,
Who vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob ;
- 3 " I will not enter my house,
 I will not go up to my bed ;
- 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
 Slumber to mine eyelids,
- 5 Till I have found a place for Jehovah,
 A habitation for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 Lo, we have heard of it at Ephratah ;
 We have found it in the field of the forest.
- 7 Let us go to his habitation :
 Let us bow down at his footstool.
- 8 Arise, O Jehovah, into thy rest ;
 Thou and the ark of thy power.
- 9 May thy priests be clothed with righteousness !
 And may thy holy ones shout aloud !
- 10 For the sake of David thy servant,
 Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
- 11 Jehovah hath sworn truth unto David ;
 He will not turn back from it ;
 " Of the fruit of thy body I will set *one* on thy throne.
- 12 If thy sons will keep my covenant,
 And my testimonies which I shall teach them,
 Their sons also, for ever
 Shall sit upon thy throne.
- 13 For Jehovah hath chosen Zion :
 He hath desired it for his dwelling.
- 14 This shall be my resting-place for ever :

Here I will dwell ; for I have desired it.
 Her provision I will greatly bless ; 15
 Her poor I will satisfy with bread ;
 Her priests I will clothe with salvation, 16
 And her holy ones shall shout aloud.
 There I will make the horn of David to shoot forth : 17
 I will prepare a lamp for mine anointed.
 His enemies I will clothe with shame : 18
 But upon himself his crown shall flourish."

PSALM CXXXIII.

An Ode of Ascents, by David.

Lo, how good and how pleasant 1
 Is the dwelling of brethren together !
 As the precious oil on the head, 2
 That flowed down on the beard, the beard of Aaron ;
 That flowed down on the border of his garment :
 As the dew of Hermon, 3
 As that which descends on the mountains of Zion.
 For there Jehovah commandeth his blessing,
 Life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

An Ode of Ascents.

BEHOLD, bless ye Jehovah, 1
 All ye servants of Jehovah,
 Who stand in the house of Jehovah by night.
 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary, 2
 And bless ye Jehovah.

May Jehovah bless thee from Zion ; 3
 He who made the heavens and the earth !

PSALM CXXXV.

PRAISE ye Jehovah, 1
 Praise ye the name of Jehovah ;
 Praise *him*, ye servants of Jehovah.
 Ye who stand in the house of Jehovah, 2
 In the courts of the house of our God.
 Praise ye Jehovah, for Jehovah is good : 3
 Sing ye to his name ; for it is pleasant.

- 4 For Jehovah hath chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel for his peculiar possession.
- 5 Truly I know that Jehovah is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 All that Jehovah pleaseth he doeth,
In the heavens and in the earth,
In the seas, and in all deep places ;
- 7 Causing clouds to ascend from the end of the earth ;
Making lightnings with rain ;
Bringing forth the wind from his treasures.
- 8 He it was who smote the first-born of Egypt,
Both of man and of beast ;
- 9 Who sent signs and wonders
In the midst of thee, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh and upon all his servants.
- 10 Who smote many nations,
And slew mighty kings ;
- 11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan,
- 12 And gave their land for an inheritance,
An inheritance to Israel his people.
- 13 O Jehovah, thy name is for ever ;
O Jehovah, thy remembrance to all generations.
- 14 For Jehovah will decide the cause of his people,
And will repent concerning his servants.
- 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of the hands of man.
- 16 They have a mouth, but they cannot speak ;
They have eyes, but they cannot see ;
- 17 They have ears, but they cannot hear ;
A nose, *but* there is no breath in their mouth.
- 18 They who make them are like unto them ;
So is every one who trusteth in them.
- 19 O house of Israel, bless ye Jehovah :
O house of Aaron, bless ye Jehovah :
- 20 O house of Levi, bless ye Jehovah :
Ye who fear Jehovah, bless Jehovah.
- 21 Blessed be Jehovah from Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CXXXVI.

GIVE thanks to Jehovah, for he is good ;	1
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
GIVE thanks to the God of gods ;	2
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
GIVE thanks to the Lord of lords ;	3
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who doeth great wonders alone ;	4
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who made the heavens by wisdom ;	5
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who spread out the earth by the waters ;	6
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who made great lights ;	7
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
THE sun to rule by day ;	8
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
THE moon and the stars to rule by night ;	9
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who smote the Egyptians in their first-born ;	10
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
AND brought out Israel from among them ;	11
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever ;	
WITH a strong hand and with an outstretched arm ;	12
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who parted the Red Sea into parts ;	13
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
AND caused the Israelites to pass over through the midst	14
of it ;	
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
BUT overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea ;	15
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who led his people through the wilderness ;	16
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever.	
TO him who smote great kings ;	17
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
AND slew mighty kings ;	18
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
SIHON king of the Amorites ;	19
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
AND OG king of Bashan ;	20
For his loving-kindness <i>endureth</i> for ever :	
AND gave their land for an inheritance ;	21

- For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever :
 22 An inheritance to Israel his servant ;
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
 23 Who remembered us when we were brought low ;
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever :
 24 And rescued us from our adversaries ;
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
 25 Who giveth food to all flesh ;
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.
 26 Give thanks to the God of the heavens ;
 For his loving-kindness *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

- 1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down ;
 We wept when we remembered Zion.
 2 Upon the willows in the midst of it
 We hanged our harps.
 3 For there they who had carried us away captives required
 of us a song ;
 And they who had made us to wail *required* joy ; *saying*,
 " Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
 4 " How can we sing a song of Jehovah
 In a foreign land ?"
 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
 May my right-hand forget *its skill* !
 6 May my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
 If I do not remember thee ;
 If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy !
 7 Remember, O Jehovah, the sons of Edom,
 In the day of Jerusalem ;
 Who said, " Rase, rase *it*,
 Even to its foundation."
 8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed,
 Happy he who requiteth thee
 As thou hast served us !
 9 Happy he who seizeth and dasheth
 Thy little ones against the stones !

PSALM CXXXVIII.

A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee, O Jehovah, with my whole heart : 1
 Before the gods I will sing praise to thee.
 I will worship at thy holy temple, 2
 And I will give thanks to thy name,
 For thy loving-kindness and thy faithfulness ;
 For thou hast magnified thy name above all *others*, by thy
 word.
 In the day when I called, thou answeredst me : 3
 Thou hast increased strength in my soul.
 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Jehovah, 4
 When they hear the words of thy mouth.
 And they shall sing of the ways of Jehovah ; 5
 For great is the glory of Jehovah.
 Although Jehovah is high, yet he looketh on the lowly ; 6
 Although he is exalted, he knoweth *him* from afar.
 When I walk in the midst of trouble, thou revivest me ; 7
 Thou puttest forth thy hand against the anger of mine
 enemies,
 And thou savest me with thy right-hand.
 Jehovah will complete what concerneth me.
 O Jehovah, thy loving-kindness *endureth* for ever :
 The work of thy hands desert not.

PSALM CXXXIX.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

O JEHOVAH ! thou hast searched me, and known *me*. 1
 Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising ; 2
 Thou understandest my thoughts from afar.
 Thou surroundest my path and my bed, 3
 And art acquainted with all my ways.
 When there is not a word on my tongue, 4
 Lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it perfectly.
 Thou inclosest me behind and before, 5
 And layest thy hand upon me.
Thy knowledge is too wonderful for me ; 6
 It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
 Whither can I go from thy spirit ? 7
 Or whither can I flee from thy presence ?
 If I should ascend the heavens, thou art there ; 8

And if I should make my bed in the lower world, lo, thou art there.

- 9 Should I take the wings of the morning,
Should I dwell in the farthest part of the sea ;
10 Even there thy hand would lead me,
And thy right-hand would hold me.
11 Should I say, surely darkness will conceal me ;
Even the night would be light about me.
12 Even darkness maketh nothing dark to thee ;
But the night enlighteneth as the day :
Darkness is *to thee* as light.
13 Truly thou possessest my reins :
Thou coveredst me in my mother's womb.
14 I will give thanks to thee, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made :

Wonderful are thy works,
And my soul knoweth it right well.
15 My substance was not hidden from thee,
When I was made in secret,
And wrought like embroidery in the lowest parts of the earth.

- 16 Thine eyes saw my unshapen substance,
And in thy book were all its parts written,
The days in which they should be formed,
When there was not one of them.
17 How precious, therefore, are my thoughts of thee, O God !

How great is the sum of them !

- 18 Should I count them, they would be more than the sand :

When I awake, I am still with thee.

- 19 Oh that thou wouldest slay the wicked, O God !
And that men of blood would depart from me ;
20 Who speak against thee wickedly :
Thine adversaries utter *thy name* to falsehood.
21 Do I not hate them, O Jehovah, who hate thee,
And do I not contend with those who rise up against thee ?

- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred :
They are enemies to me.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart ;
Prove me, and know my thoughts ;

And see if the way of sorrow be in me, 24
And lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

DELIVER me, O Jehovah, from the evil men ; 1
From the men of violence defend me,
Who devise evil things in their heart : 2
Every day they are exciting wars.
They sharpen their tongues as the serpent ; 3
The poison of the asp is under their lips.
Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked ; 4
From the men of violence defend me,
Who are devising to supplant my steps.
The proud have hidden a snare for me and toils : 5
They have spread a net by the way-side :
Traps they have set for me.
I said to Jehovah, 'Thou art my God : ' 6
Hear, O Jehovah, the voice of my supplication.
O Jehovah, my Lord, the strength of my safety ! 7
Thou coverest my head in the day of battle.
Grant not, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked man ; 8
Prosper not his wicked purpose.
Surrounding me, they raise their head : 9
Let the trouble of their own lips cover them.
Let flakes of fire be hurled upon them : 10
Let them be cast down by fire,
Into deep waters, that they rise not up again.
Let not the slanderer be established in the land : 11
Let evil hunt the man of violence, to drive him headlong.
I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the 12
afflicted,
The right of the poor.
Surely the righteous will give thanks to thy name : 13
The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXLI.

A Psalm of David.

O JEHOVAH, I call to thee, hasten to me : 1
Listen to my voice when I call to thee,

- 2 Let my prayer be esteemed as incense before thee,
 The lifting up of my hands, as the evening-offering.
 3 Set a watch, O Jehovah, at my mouth ;
 Guard thou the door of my lips.
 4 Let not my heart incline to an evil thing,
 To do evil deeds wickedly, with men that work iniquity ;
 Nor let me eat of their dainties !
 5 Let a righteous man smite me ; *it will be kindness ;*
 And let him reprove me, *it will be oil for the head ;*
 Nor shall my head turn away, though *he do it again ;*
 But my prayer is against their wickedness.
 6 Their judges were dismissed by the sides of the rock ;
 And they heard my words, that they were pleasant.
 7 As when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* on the ground
 Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave.
 8 But to thee, O Jehovah, my Lord, are mine eyes ;
 In thee I trust ; leave me not defenceless.
 9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
 And from the toils of those who do iniquity.
 10 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets,
 Whilst I pass by *them*.

PSALM CXLII.

A Poem, by David.

A Prayer when he was in the cave.

- 1 WITH my voice I cry to Jehovah ;
 With my voice I make supplication to Jehovah.
 2 I pour forth my complaint before him ;
 My distress I declare before him.
 3 When my spirit fainteth within me,
 Then thou knowest my path.
 In the way in which I go,
 They have hidden a snare for me.
 4 I look on my right-hand and see,
 But there is no one that knoweth me :
 Refuge faileth me ;
 No one careth for my soul.
 5 I cry to thee, O Jehovah :
 I say, Thou art my refuge,
 My portion in the land of the living.
 6 Attend to my cry ;

For I am brought very low :
 Deliver me from those who pursue me ;
 For they are stronger than I.
 Bring my soul out of prison, 7
 To give thanks to thy name.
 The righteous shall encompass me,
 When thou shalt have recompensed me.

PSALM CXLIII.

A Psalm of David.

O JEHOVAH, hear my prayer, 1
 Listen to my supplication.
 In thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness ;
 And come not into judgment with thy servant ; 2
 For no one living can be just before thee.
 For the enemy pursueth me ; 3
 He smiteth my life to the ground ;
 He maketh me to dwell in dark places, as the dead of old ;
 And my spirit fainteth within me ; 4
 My heart within me is astonished.
 I remember the days of old ; 5
 I meditate on all thy deeds ;
 I muse on the work of thy hands.
 I spread forth my hands to thee : 6
 My soul, like a weary land, *thirsteth* for thee.
 Speedily answer me, O Jehovah ; my spirit fainteth : 7
 Hide not thy face from me,
 Nor let me be like those who are going down to the pit.
 Make me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning ; 8
 For in thee I trust ;
 Make me to know the way in which I should walk ;
 For to thee I lift up my soul.
 Deliver me from mine enemies, O Jehovah : 9
 To thee I fly for shelter.
 Teach me to do what is acceptable to thee ; 10
 For thou art my God.
 Let thy good Spirit lead me in a plain path.
 For the sake of thy name, O Jehovah, revive me : 11
 In thy righteousness bring me out of distress ;
 And in thy kindness cut off mine enemies, 12
 And destroy all who distress my soul ;
 For I am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV.

A Psalm of David.

- 1 BLESSED be Jehovah, my rock !
Who instructeth my hands for fight,
My fingers for battle :
- 2 My loving-kindness, and my fortress ;
My high-tower, and my deliverer ;
My shield, and he in whom I trust ;
Who subdueth peoples under me.
- 3 O Jehovah, what is man that thou shouldst acknowledge
him,
And the son of man that thou shouldst attend to him ?
- 4 Man, who is like a vapour ;
Whose days are as a passing shadow.
- 5 O Jehovah, bow thy heavens and come down ;
Touch the mountains, that they smoke.
- 6 Flash forth lightnings and scatter them :
Send forth thine arrows and discomfit them.
- 7 Send forth thy hand from on high ;
Deliver me and rescue me from great waters,
From the hand of the sons of the foreigner ;
- 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And whose right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood.
- 9 O God, a new song will I sing to thee :
Upon a lute of ten strings will I sing praise to thee ;
- 10 Who giveth salvation to kings ;
Who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
- 11 Deliver me and rescue me from the power of the sons of
the foreigner,
Whose mouth speaketh vanity ;
- 12 And whose right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood :
That our sons may be like plants,
Growing up in their youth ;
Our daughters like corner-pillars,
Hewn for the structure of a palace :
- 13 Our granaries filled,
Sending forth store after store ;
Our flocks bringing forth thousands,
Ten thousands in our fields :
- 14 Our oxen bearing loads ;
No breaking in, no going out ;
Nor any clamour in our streets.

Happy the people that is in such a state ! 15
 Happy the people whose God is Jehovah !

PSALM CXLV.

A Psalm of Praise, by David.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King ; 1
 And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
 Every day will I bless thee, 2
 And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised : 3
 And his greatness is unsearchable.
 Generation to generation shall praise thy deeds, 4
 And declare thy mighty acts.
 Of the glorious honour of thy majesty, 5
 And of thy wonderful works, I will speak.
 That men may speak of the might of thine awful deeds ; 6
 Therefore will I declare thy greatness.
 They shall pour forth the memory of thine abundant good- 7
 ness,
 And sing of thy righteousness.

Gracious and compassionate is Jehovah ; 8
 Slow to anger, and of great loving-kindness.
 Jehovah is good unto all ; 9
 And his compassion is over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, 10
 And thy holy ones shall bless thee.
 They shall celebrate the glory of thy kingdom, 11
 And shall speak of thy power ;
 To make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts, 12
 And the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.
 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, 13
 And thy dominion *endureth* to all generations.
 Jehovah upholdeth all that are falling, 14
 And raiseth up all that are bowed down.

The eyes of all are fixed on thee, 15
 And thou givest them their meat in its season.
 Thou openest thy hand, 16
 And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

- 17 Jehovah is righteous in all his ways,
And merciful in all his doings.
18 Jehovah is near to all who call upon him,
To all who call upon him in truth.
19 He fulfilleth the desire of those who fear him;
And their cry he heareth, and saveth them.
20 Jehovah preserveth all who love him;
But all the wicked he will destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah;
And let all flesh bless his holy name
For ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

- 1 PRAISE ye Jehovah.
Praise Jehovah, O my soul.
2 I will praise Jehovah while I live :
I will sing praise to my God while I have yet a being.
3 Put not trust in princes,
In the son of man, in whom is no safety.
4 His spirit goeth forth, he returneth to his dust;
In that very day his purposes perish.
5 Happy he whose helper is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in Jehovah his God !
6 Who made the heavens and the earth,
The sea, and all that is in them ;
Who keepeth truth for ever ;
7 Who executeth judgment for the oppressed ;
Who giveth food to the hungry.
Jehovah looseth the prisoners :
8 Jehovah openeth *the eyes* of the blind :
Jehovah raiseth those who are bowed down :
Jehovah loveth the righteous :
9 Jehovah preserveth the strangers ;
The orphan and the widow he raiseth up,
But the way of the wicked he turneth aside.
10 Jehovah shall reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CXLVII.

- 1 PRAISE ye Jehovah :
For it is good to sing praise to our God ;

For it is pleasant, <i>and</i> praise is becoming.	
Jehovah buildeth again Jerusalem :	2
The dispersed of Israel he gathereth together.	
He healeth those who are broken in heart,	3
And bindeth up their wounds.	
He counteth the number of the stars ;	4
He calleth all of them by names.	
Great is our Lord, and mighty in power :	5
His understanding is infinite.	
Jehovah raiseth up the meek :	6
He bringeth down the wicked to the ground.	
Sing to Jehovah with thanksgiving ;	7
Sing praise upon the harp to our God ;	
Who covereth the heavens with clouds,	8
Who prepareth rain for the earth,	
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.	
He giveth to the cattle their food,	9
To the young ravens who cry.	
He delighteth not in the might of the horse ;	10
Nor hath he pleasure in the legs of a man.	
Jehovah hath pleasure in those who fear him,	11
In those who hope in his loving-kindness.	
O Jerusalem, praise thou Jehovah ;	12
Praise thy God, O Zion.	
For he strengtheneth the bars of thy gates ;	13
He blesseth thy sons within thee.	
He maketh thy boundaries peaceful ;	14
With the finest wheat he satisfieth thee.	
He sendeth forth his command on the earth :	15
His word runneth very swiftly.	
He giveth snow like wool ;	16
He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes ;	
He casteth forth his ice like morsels ;	17
Before his cold who can stand ?	
He sendeth forth his word, and melteth them :	18
He causeth his wind to blow, the waters flow.	
He maketh known his word to Jacob,	19
His statutes and his judgments to Israel.	
He doeth not thus to any <i>other</i> nation ;	20
And <i>his</i> judgments, they know them not.	
Praise ye Jehovah.	

PSALM CXLVIII.

Praise ye Jehovah.

- 1 PRAISE ye Jehovah from the heavens :
Praise ye him in the heights.
- 2 Praise ye him, all his angels :
Praise ye him, all his hosts.
- 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon :
Praise ye him, all stars of light :
- 4 Praise ye him, heavens of heavens ;
And *ye* waters which are above the heavens.
- 5 Let these praise the name of Jehovah ;
For he commanded, and they were created ;
- 6 And he hath established them for ever and ever :
He hath appointed a statute which shall not pass away .
- 7 Praise Jehovah from the earth ;
Sea-monsters, and all depths :
- 8 Lightning and hail, snow and vapour ;
Stormy wind performing his word :
- 9 Mountains and all hills ;
Fruit-bearing trees, and all cedars :
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle ;
Reptiles, and flying birds :
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples ;
Princes and all judges of the earth :
- 12 Young men and also maidens ;
Old men and children.
- 13 Let these praise the name of Jehovah ;
For his name alone is exalted ;
His glory, above the earth and the heavens.
- 14 And he exalteth the horn of his people,
The praise of all his holy ones ;
Of the children of Israel, a people near to him.
Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CXLIX.

Praise ye Jehovah.

- 1 SING ye to Jehovah a new song,
His praise in the congregation of his holy ones .
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker :

Let the sons of Zion exult in their King.
 Let them praise his name with the pipe: 3
 With the timbrel and the harp let them sing praise to
 him.
 For Jehovah is favourable to his people: 4
 He hath beautified the meek with salvation.
 Let his holy ones exult in *their* glory; 5
 Let them sing aloud on their couches.
 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, 6
 And a two-edged sword in their hand,
 To execute vengeance on the nations, 7
 Chastisements on the peoples;
 To bind their kings with chains, 8
 And their nobles with fetters of iron;
 To execute upon them the judgment written. 9
 This honour have all his holy ones.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

PSALM CL.

Praise ye Jehovah.
 PRAISE God in his sanctuary: 1
 Praise him in the firmament of his power.
 Praise him for his mighty deeds: 2
 Praise him according to the extent of his greatness.
 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: 3
 Praise him with the psalter and the harp:
 Praise him with the timbrel and the pipe: 4
 Praise him with stringed instruments and pipes:
 Praise him with the softer cymbals: 5
 Praise him with the loud cymbals.
 Let every thing that breatheth praise Jehovah. 6
 Praise ye Jehovah.

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THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

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- 1 CHAP. I.—The Proverbs of Solomon, son of David, King
of Israel ;
2 For knowing wisdom and instruction ;
For discerning the words of discretion ;
3 For receiving the instruction of wisdom,
Of righteousness, and judgment, and uprightness ;
4 For giving prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and consideration.
5 A wise man will hear and will learn more ;
And an intelligent man will gain counsel ;
6 So as to understand a proverb and an obscure word,
The words of the wise and their dark sayings.
- 7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge :
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.
8 Hear, my son, the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the law of thy mother ;
9 For a graceful wreath will they be to thy head,
And chains about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.
11 If they say, “ Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood,
Let us lay snares for those who are innocent in vain ;
12 Let us swallow them up alive, as the grave,
And whole, as those who go down to the pit ;
13 All precious wealth we shall find ;
We shall fill our houses with spoil ;

Thou shalt eat in thy lot with us ;	14
We will all have one purse : ”	
My son walk not in the way with them ;	15
Keep back thy foot from their paths :	
For their feet run to evil,	16
And they make haste to shed blood.	
Surely in vain the net is spread	17
In the sight of any bird ;	
But these lie in wait for their own blood ;	18
They lay snares for their own lives.	
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The life of those addicted to it, it taketh away.	
Wisdom crieth aloud in the street ;	20
In the open places, she uttereth her voice ;	
In the chief place of concourse she proclaimeth,	21
At the opening of the gates :	
In the city she uttereth her words ;	
“ How long ye simple, will ye love simplicity,	22
And scorers delight in their scorning,	
And fools hate knowledge ?	
Turn ye at my reproof ;	23
Lo, I will pour forth my mind to you,	
I will make known my words to you.	
Because I called, and ye refused ;	24
I stretched out my hand, and no one hearkened ;	
But ye rejected all my counsel,	25
And were not willing to have my reproof,	
I also will laugh at your calamity ;	26
I will mock when your terror cometh ;	
When your terror cometh like desolation,	27
And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind ;	
When distress and anguish come upon you.	
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer ;	28
They will earnestly seek me, but shall not find me,	
Because they hated knowledge,	29
And chose not the fear of Jehovah.	
They would not have my counsel ;	30
They despised all my reproof.	
Therefore they shall eat of the fruit of their own way,	31
And from their own counsel they shall be filled.	
For the turning away of the simple shall slay them,	32
And the carelessness of fools shall destroy them.	

33 But he who heareth me shall dwell safely,
And be quiet without fear of evil."

1 CHAP. II.—My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And lay up my precepts with thee,
2 So as to apply thine ear to wisdom,
And incline thy heart to understanding ;
3 If indeed thou wilt call upon discernment,
And raise⁴ thy voice to understanding ;
4 If thou wilt seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasure ;
5 Then wilt thou understand the fear of Jehovah,
And find the knowledge of God.
6 For Jehovah giveth wisdom :
From his mouth *proceed* knowledge and understanding.
7 He layeth up safety for the righteous :
A shield *is he* to those who walk sincerely ;
8 Guarding the ways of justice ;
And the way of his holy ones he preserveth.
9 Then thou wilt discern righteousness, and judgment, and
uprightness ;
Every good path.
10 Truly wisdom shall enter into thy heart,
And knowledge shall be pleasant to thy soul :
11 Consideration shall watch over thee,
And understanding shall guard thee ;
12 Delivering thee from the way of the evil *man*,
From the man who speaketh perverse things ;
13 *From those* who forsake right paths,
To walk in the ways of darkness ;
14 Who rejoice to do evil,
Who exult in the perversities of the evil *man* ;
15 Whose steps are crooked,
And who are indirect in their paths ;
16 Delivering thee from the strange woman,
From the foreign woman, who flattereth with her words ;
17 Who forsaketh the guide of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God.
18 (Surely her house declineth unto death,
And her paths unto the dead ;
19 None who go to her return,
Nor do they reach to the ways of life :)

That thou mayst walk in the way of the good, 20
 And keep in the steps of the righteous.
 For the upright shall dwell in the land, 21
 And the perfect shall remain in it;
 But the wicked shall be cut off from the land, 22
 And transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

CHAP. III.—My son, forget not my law; 1
 But let thy heart keep my precepts;
 For length of days, and years of life, 2
 And prosperity, they will add to thee.
 Let not kindness and truth forsake thee; 3
 Bind them about thy neck,
 Write them upon the tablet of thy heart:
 Then shalt thou find favour and good esteem 4
 In the sight of God and man.

Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, 5
 And lean not on thine own understanding.
 In all thy ways acknowledge him, 6
 And he will direct thy paths.
 Be not wise in thine own eyes: 7
 Fear Jehovah, and turn away from evil.
 It shall be medicine to thy muscles, 8
 And moisture to thy bones.

Honour Jehovah with thy wealth, 9
 And with the first-fruits of all thy produce:
 So shall thy storehouses be filled with plenty, 10
 And with new wine thy vats shall overflow.

The chastening of Jehovah, my son, despise not; 11
 Nor be thou impatient of his reproof:
 For him whom Jehovah loveth he reproveth, 12
 And maketh sorrowful the son in whom he delighteth.

Happy the man who findeth wisdom; 13
 And the man who obtaineth understanding!
 For the merchandize of it is better than the merchandize 14
 of silver,
 And the gain of it than fine gold.
 More precious is it than pearls, 15
 And all thou canst desire is not equal to it.
 Length of days is in her right hand; 16
 In her left hand are riches and honour.
 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, 17

And all her paths peace.

18 A tree of life is she to those who take hold of her,
And happy *is every one* who retaineth her.

19 Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth ;
He established the heavens by understanding.
20 By his knowledge the depths burst forth,
And the clouds drop down dew.

21 My son, let not these things depart from thine eyes ;
Keep wholesome *knowledge* and consideration.
22 For they will be life to thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.

23 Then shalt thou walk securely in thy way,
And thy foot shall not stumble.

24 When thou liest down thou shalt not be afraid,
But thou shalt lie down, and sweet shall be thy sleep.

25 Be not afraid of sudden terror,
Nor of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh ;
26 For Jehovah shall be thy confidence,
And shall keep thy foot from being caught in the snare.

27 Withhold not good from those to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of thy hand to do it.

28 Say not to thy neighbour, ' Go, and come again,
And to-morrow I will give : ' when thou hast it.

29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour,
When he dwelleth in confidence by thee.

30 Contend not with any one without cause,
When he hath done thee no harm.

31 Be not envious of the violent man,
And choose none of his ways ;

32 For the transgressor is the abomination of Jehovah ;
But with the upright is his council.

33 The curse of Jehovah is in the house of the wicked man,
But the habitation of the just he blesseth.

34 Though he scorneth the scorners,
Yet to the lowly he giveth grace.

35 The wise shall possess honour ;
But disgrace lifteth the foolish on high.

1 CHAP. IV.—Hear, ye children, the instruction of a
father,

And attend to the knowledge of understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine :

Forsake ye not my law.

For I was a son dear to my father,	3
And singularly <i>beloved</i> in the sight of my mother.	
And he taught me, and said to me,	4
“Let thy heart retain my words ;	
Keep my precepts that thou mayest live.	
Get wisdom, get understanding ;	5
Forget not, nor decline from the words of my mouth.	
Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee :	6
Love her and she will guard thee.	
Wisdom is the chief thing ; get wisdom ;	7
Even with all thy possessions get understanding.	
Exalt her, and she will lift thee on high ;	8
She will make thee honourable when thou embracest her.	
She will give to thy head a graceful wreath ;	9
A crown of beauty she will bestow on thee.”	
Hear, my son, and receive my words ;	10
And the years of thy life shall be many.	
In the way of wisdom I instruct thee ;	11
I guide thee in straight paths.	
When thou walkest, thy steps shall not be straitened ;	12
And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.	
Take fast hold of instruction ; loose not <i>thy hand</i> :	13
Guard her, for she is thy life.	
Go not in the path of wicked men,	14
And walk not in the way of evil men.	
Avoid it, pass not along it,	15
Turn away from it, and pass on.	
For they cannot sleep unless they have done evil ;	16
And their sleep is taken from them, unless they have caused some to stumble.	
For they eat the bread of wickedness,	17
And they drink the wine of violence.	
But the path of the righteous is as the dawning light,	18
Shining more and more until the perfect day.	
The way of the wicked is as darkness ;	19
They know not at what they stumble.	
My son, attend to my words ;	20
Incline thine ear to my sayings ;	
Let them not depart from thine eyes ;	21
Keep them within thy heart ;	
For they are life to those who find them,	22
And healing medicine to all their flesh.	
Guard thy heart with all watchfulness ;	23

For out of it are the springs of life.

24 Remove from thee perverseness of mouth,
And depravity of lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look directly forwards,
And thine eye-lids be directed straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet;
So shall all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left :
Remove thy foot from evil.

1 CHAP. V.—My son, attend to my wisdom ;

Incline thine ear, to my understanding,

2 That thou mayest keep discretion,
And that thy lips may guard knowledge.

3 Though the lips of a strange woman drop with honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil,

4 Yet in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death ;
Her steps lay hold on the grave.

6 Lest thou shouldst ponder the way of life,
Her ways are changeable ; thou canst not know them.

7 Now therefore, ye sons, hear me,
And turn not aside from the words of my mouth.

8 Keep thy way far from her,
And come not near to the door of her house ;

9 Lest thou give thine honour to others,
And thy years to the cruel one.

10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth,
And thy labours be in the house of a stranger ;

11 And thou loudly lament in the end,
When thy flesh and thy body are wasting away ;

12 And thou say, " How have I hated instruction,
And *how* hath my heart despised reproof,

13 So that I obeyed not the voice of my instructors,
And inclined not mine ear to my teachers !

14 I have nearly been in all evil,
In the midst of the congregation and the assembly."

15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
And flowing waters out of thine own well.

16 Thy fountains will flow abroad,
Streams of water through the open places.

17 They shall be for thyself alone,

And not for strangers with thee.
 Let thy fountain be blessed ; 18
 And rejoice with the wife of thy youth,
 A lovely antelope, and a graceful mountain-roë ; 19
 Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times ;
 Be thou continually transported with her love.
 For why, my son, shouldst thou be transported with a 20
 strange woman,
 And embrace the bosom of a stranger ?
 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of Jehovah, 21
 And he pondereth all his goings.
 His own iniquities shall entrap the wicked man, 22
 And by the cords of his sins he shall be holden.
 He shall die through neglect of instruction, 23
 And through the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

CHAP. VI.—My son, if thou have become surety for thy 1
 neighbour,

If thou have stricken thy hand with a stranger,
 Thou art ensnared by the words of thy mouth, 2
 Thou art entrapped by the words of thy mouth.
 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, 3
 Since thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour ;
 Go, make haste, and urge thy neighbour :
 Give not sleep to thine eyes, 4
 Nor slumber to thine eye-lids :
 Deliver thyself, as the antelope from the hunter, 5
 And as the bird from the hand of the fowler.
 Go to the ant, thou sluggard ; 6
 Consider her ways, and be wise ;
 Which, having no leader, 7
 No inspector, or ruler,
 Provideth her food in the summer, 8
 Collecteth her meat in the harvest.
 How long, O sluggard, wilt thou lie ? 9
 When wilt thou arise from thy sleep ?
 A little sleep, a little slumber, 10
 A little folding of the hands to rest ;
 So shall thy poverty come like one who travelleth, 11
 And thy want like an armed man.
 A worthless person, an unjust man, 12
 Walketh with perverseness of mouth ;
 Winking with his eyes, 13

- Speaking with his feet,
Teaching with his fingers :
- 14 Treacheries are in his heart : he deviseth evil :
For ever he is spreading dissension.
- 15 Therefore suddenly shall his calamity come ;
On a sudden shall he be crushed without remedy.
- 16 These six things Jehovah hateth,
Yea, seven are an abomination to him :
- 17 Lofty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands shedding innocent blood,
18 A heart devising schemes of iniquity,
Feet hastening to run to evil,
19 A false witness breathing forth lies,
And one spreading dissension among brethren.
- 20 My son, guard the commandment of thy father,
And forsake not the law of thy mother :
- 21 Bind them upon thy heart continually ;
Tie them about thy neck.
- 22 When thou walkest about, it will lead thee ;
When thou liest down, it will watch over thee ;
And when thou art wakeful, it will talk with thee.
- 23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is a light,
And the reproofs of admonition are a way of life ;
- 24 To keep thee from the evil woman,
From the flattery of the tongue of the strange woman.
- 25 Desire not her beauty in thy heart,
And be not taken by her eye-lids ;
- 26 For by means of a harlot *a man is brought* to a morsel of
bread,
And the wife of *another* man hunteth the precious life.
- 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,
And his garments not be burned ?
- 28 Can a man walk upon fire-brands,
And his feet not be scorched ?
- 29 So he who goeth in to his neighbour's wife :
No one who toucheth her can be guiltless.
- 30 A thief is not disregarded, when he hath stolen
To satisfy his appetite, when he was hungry ;
- 31 But if he be found he must restore sevenfold,
And all the wealth of his house he must give.
- 32 He who committeth adultery with a woman, is devoid of
understanding ;
At the loss of his life, he doeth it.

Wound and dishonour he shall find, 33
 And his reproach shall not be wiped away.
 For jealousy is the fierce anger of a husband ; 34
 And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
 He will pay no regard to any ransom ; 35
 Neither will he be content, though thou offer a large gift.

CHAP. VII.—My son, keep my words, 1
 And lay up my precepts with thee.
 Keep my precepts and live ; 2
 And my law as the apple of thine eye.
 Bind them upon thy fingers ; 3
 Write them upon the tablet of thy heart.
 Say to Wisdom, ‘Thou art my sister ;’ 4
 And call Understanding, kinswoman ;
 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, 5
 From the foreign woman, who flattereth with her words.
 When, at the window of my house, 6
 I was looking through my lattice,
 I then saw among the simple, I discerned among the 7
 youths,
 A young man void of understanding,
 Passing in the street near the corner ; 8
 And towards her house he directed his steps,
 In the twilight, in the evening of the day, 9
 In the darkness and gloom of the night ;
 When lo, the woman met him, 10
 In the attire of a harlot, and subtle of heart.
 Restless is she, and impatient of restraint ; 11
 Her feet abide not in her house.
 Now in the street, now in the open places ; 12
 And near every corner she lieth in wait.
 So she caught him, and kissed him, 13
 She hardened her face and said to him,
 “The sacrifices of peace-offerings are in my house ; 14
 This day I have performed my vows ;
 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, 15
 Diligently to seek thy face ; and I have found thee.
 With coverings of tapestry I have adorned my couch, 16
 With embroidered linen of Egypt.
 I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, 17
 With lign-aloes and cinnamon.
 Come, let us take our fill of love till morning, 18

- Let us delight ourselves with much love :
 19 For *my* husband is not at home ;
 He is gone upon a long journey :
 20 A bundle of silver he hath taken in his hand ;
 At the day of full moon he will come home.”
 21 She seduced him by the multitude of her allurements,
 By the flattery of her lips she drew him on.
 22 He goeth after her immediately,
 As an ox goeth to the slaughter,
 Or as a hart boundeth into the toils,
 Till a dart strike through his liver ;
 23 As a bird hasteneth to the snare,
 And knoweth not that it is *set* against his life.
 24 Now therefore, *my* sons, hear ye me,
 And attend to the words of my mouth :
 25 Let not thy heart decline to her ways,
 And wander not in her paths :
 26 For many are the mighty whom she hath cast down ;
 And strong men, all slain by her.
 27 Her house is the way to the grave ;
 Going down to the chambers of death.

- 1 CHAP. VIII.—Doth not Wisdom cry,
 And Understanding utter her voice ?
 2 At the top of high places by the way,
 At the place of paths she taketh her station.
 3 At the side of the gates, at the entrance of the city,
 At the entrance of the doors she crieth aloud.
 4 “To you, O men, I cry ;
 And my voice is to the sons of men.
 5 O ye simple, understand prudence ;
 And ye foolish, understand wisdom.
 6 Hear ye, for I speak excellent things ;
 And the opening of my lips is of right things.
 7 For my mouth speaketh truth ;
 And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
 8 Righteous are all the words of my mouth ;
 In them is nothing crooked or perverse.
 9 They are all clear to him that understandeth,
 And right to those who find knowledge.
 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver,
 And knowledge rather than choice gold.
 11 For wisdom is better than pearls ;

And all that can be desired is not equal to her.	
I, Wisdom, dwell with Prudence ;	12
And I find out the knowledge of wise counsels.	
The fear of Jehovah is the hatred of evil :	13
Pride and arrogance, and the way of evil,	
And the mouth of perverseness, I hate.	
I have counsel and safety ;	14
I have understanding ; I have might.	
By me kings reign,	15
And counsellors decree justice.	
By me princes rule, and nobles ;	16
All the judges of the earth.	
I love those who love me,	17
And they who diligently seek me shall find me.	
Riches and honour are with me ;	18
Durable and righteous wealth.	
My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold ;	19
And my produce than choice silver.	
I walk in the way of righteousness,	20
In the midst of paths of justice ;	
To cause those who love me to inherit substance ;	21
And their treasures I will fill.	
Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way ;	22
Before his works, from of old.	
From eternity I was formed,	23
From the beginning, before the earth.	
When there were no deep waters I was brought forth ;	24
When there were no fountains abounding with water.	
Before the mountains were fixed,	25
Before the hills, I was brought forth :	
When he had not made the earth and the plains,	26
And the highest part of the dust of the world.	
When he established the heavens, I was there ;	27
When he drew a circle upon the face of the deep ;	
When he made firm the clouds above ;	28
When he made strong the fountains of the deep ;	
When he gave to the sea his decree,	29
That the waters should not pass over their coast ;	
When he appointed the foundations of the earth ;	
Then was I near him ; brought up by him ;	30
Then was I daily his delight,	
Playing always before him.	
Playing in the habitable part of his earth ;	31

32 And my delight was with the sons of men.
 Now therefore, *my* sons, hear ye me ;
 33 Since happy are they who keep my ways.
 Hear ye instruction, and be wise,
 34 And reject it not.
 Happy the man who heareth me,
 Watching daily at my doors,
 35 Attending at the posts of my gates !
 For he who findeth me, findeth life,
 36 And obtaineth favour from Jehovah.
 But he who wandereth from me doeth violence to his
 own soul :
 All who hate me love death."

1 CHAP. IX.—Wisdom hath built her house ;
 She hath hewn out her seven pillars ;
 2 She hath slain her victims ;
 She hath mingled her wine ;
 She hath also set out her table ;
 3 She hath sent forth her maidens ;
 She proclaimeth upon the highest places of the city ;
 4 "Whoever is simple let him turn in hither :"
 To him who is devoid of understanding she saith,
 5 "Come, eat of my bread,
 And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
 6 Forsake the foolish and live ;
 And go on in the way of understanding.
 7 He who instructeth a scorner bringeth upon himself
 disgrace ;
 And he who reproveth a wicked man *doth it to* his own
 dishonour.
 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee :
 Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
 9 Teach a wise man, and he will yet be wiser ;
 Inform a righteous man, and he will increase learning.
 10 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom,
 And the knowledge of the Most Holy is understanding.
 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
 And years of life shall be added to thee.
 12 If thou be wise, thou wilt be wise for thyself ;
 And if thou scornest thou alone shalt bear *it*."
 13 The foolish woman is restless,
 Simple, and knoweth not anything.

She also sitteth at the door of her house,	14
On a seat, in the high places of the city,	
To invite those who are passing on in the way ;	15
Who are proceeding straight in their course.	
"Whoever is simple, let him turn in hither."	16
And to him who is devoid of understanding, she saith,	
"Stolen waters are sweet,	17
And bread of secrecy is pleasant."	
But he knoweth not that the dead are there :	18
Her guests are in the depths of the grave.	

SECT. II.

CHAP. X.—The Proverbs of Solomon.	1
A wise son causeth joy to his father ;	
But a foolish son is the sorrow of his mother.	
Treasures of wickedness profit not ;	2
But righteousness delivereth from death.	
Jehovah will not suffer the righteous man to be famished ;	3
But the desires of the wicked he will drive away.	
Poor will he be who acteth with a slack hand ;	4
But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.	
He who gathereth in summer is a wise son ;	5
He who sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.	
Blessings are on the head of the righteous ;	6
But the mouth of the wicked covereth violence.	
The memory of the righteous is blessed ;	7
But the name of the wicked shall rot.	
The wise of heart will receive precepts ;	8
But a foolish talker shall fall headlong.	
He who walketh in integrity walketh securely ;	9
But he who perverteth his ways shall be known.	
He who winketh with the eye causeth sorrow ;	10
And a foolish talker shall fall headlong.	
The mouth of a righteous man is a fountain of life ;	11
But the mouth of the wicked covereth violence.	
Hatred exciteth contentions ;	12
But love covereth all transgressions.	
In the lips of the intelligent wisdom is found ;	13
But a rod is for the back of one void of understanding.	
Wise men treasure up knowledge ;	14

But the mouth of a fool is an approaching destruction.

15 The wealth of a rich man is his strong city :

The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The reward of a righteous man is life :

The gain of the wicked is punishment.

17 He who observeth instruction is a way to life ;

But he who forsaketh reproof, causeth to err.

18 He who concealeth hatred *hath* lips of falsehood,

And he who uttereth slander is a fool.

19 In a multitude of words, transgression faileth not ;

But he who restraineth his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of a just man is choice silver :

The heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of a just man feed many ;

But fools die through want of understanding.

22 The blessing of Jehovah, that maketh rich ;

And he addeth no trouble with it.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness ;

But a man of understanding hath wisdom.

24 The dread of the wicked, it shall come upon him ;

But the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

25 The whirlwind passeth, so the wicked is no more ;

But the righteous man *hath* an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,

So is the slothful *messenger* to those who send him.

27 The fear of Jehovah addeth days ;

But the years of the wicked are shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous is joy ;

But the expectation of the wicked perisheth.

29 The way of Jehovah is strength to the perfect,

But terror to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous man shall never be moved ;

But wicked men shall not inhabit the land.

31 The mouth of the righteous man putteth forth wisdom ;

But the perverse tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous man know what is acceptable ;

But the mouth of wicked men, perverseness.

1 CHAP. XI.—A false balance is an abomination to Jehovah ;

But a full weight is acceptable to him.

2 When pride cometh, then cometh disgrace ;

But with the modest is wisdom.

- The integrity of the upright guideth them ; 3
 But the malice of transgressors destroyeth them.
 Riches profit not in a day of wrath ; 4
 But righteousness delivereth from death.
 The righteousness of the perfect maketh straight his 5
 way ;
 But the wicked man falleth by his wickedness.
 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them ; 6
 But transgressors shall be ensnared by their own de-
 sires.
 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation perisheth, 7
 And the hope of the unrighteous perisheth.
 The righteous man is rescued from trouble, 8
 And the wicked man cometh into his place.
 By the mouth a profane person destroyeth his neigh- 9
 bour ;
 But by knowledge the righteous are rescued.
 In the prosperity of the righteous a city exulteth, 10
 And when the wicked perish there is joyful shouting.
 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted ; 11
 But by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.
 He who despiseth his neighbour is void of under- 12
 standing ;
 But an intelligent man will be silent.
 He who goeth about as a tale-bearer revealeth secrets ; 13
 But he who is faithful of spirit concealeth a matter.
 Where there are no counsels, a people falleth ; 14
 But in a multitude of counsellors is safety.
 He shall suffer great evil who is surety for a stranger ; 15
 But he who hateth suretyship is secure.
 A gracious woman retaineth honour, 16
 And powerful men retain riches.
 A kind man doeth good to himself ; 17
 But a cruel man troubleth his own flesh.
 The wicked man worketh for deceitful wages ; 18
 But he who soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.
 Surely righteousness *tendeth* to life ; 19
 But he who pursueth evil, *pursueth it* to his own death.
 The perverse of heart are an abomination to Jehovah ; 20
 But the perfect in the way are acceptable to him.
Though hand *join* to hand, the wicked man shall not 21
 be unpunished ;
 But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.

- 22 As a ring of gold in the nose of a swine
Is a beautiful woman who turneth aside from propriety.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good :
The expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is who scattereth and still increaseth,
And *also* who withholdeth himself from what is right,
only to poverty.
- 25 The benevolent soul shall be enriched,
And he who watereth, shall himself be watered.
- 26 Him who withholdeth corn, the people will curse ;
But blessing will be on the head of him who selleth it.
- 27 He who diligently searcheth for good, endeavoureth to
find favour ;
But he who seeketh evil, it shall come upon himself.
- 28 He who trusteth in his riches shall fall ;
But the righteous shall flourish like a leaf.
- 29 He who troubleth his own house shall inherit the
wind ;
And the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of a righteous man is a tree of life,
And he who winneth souls is a wise man.
- 31 Lo, a righteous man shall be recompensed in the
earth :
Much more the wicked man, and the sinner.

- 1 CHAP. XII.—He who loveth admonition loveth know-
ledge ;
But he who hateth reproof is brutish.
- 2 A good man obtaineth favour from Jehovah ;
But a man of evil desires he will condemn.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness ;
But the root of the just shall not be moved.
- 4 A virtuous wife is a crown to her husband ;
But as rottenness in his bones is one who causeth shame.
- 5 The purposes of the righteous are just ;
But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.
- 6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood ;
But the mouth of the upright delivereth *them*.
- 7 The wicked are utterly overthrown, and are not ;
But the house of the just shall stand.
- 8 According to his skill will a man be praised ;
But he who is perverse of heart will be despised.
- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant,

Than he who honoureth himself, and is without bread.

A righteous man taketh care of the life of his beast ; 10
But the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

He who tilleth his land shall have abundance of bread ; 11
But he who pursueth empty things is void of understanding.

A wicked man desirte the stronghold of evil men ; 12
But the root of the righteous will yield *fruit*.

By the transgression of his lips a wicked man is ensnared ; 13
But the righteous man escapeth from trouble.

By the fruit of his mouth a man shall be satisfied ; 14
And the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes ; 15
But a wise man heareth counsel.

The fool straightway maketh known his indignation ; 16
But a prudent man covereth shame.

He uttereth truth *who* declareth what is right ; 17
But he will be a false witness *who declareth* deceit.

There is who rashly uttereth as the piercings of a sword ; 18

But the tongue of the wise is healing medicine.

The lip of truth shall be established for ever ; 19
But a false tongue is only for a moment.

Deceit is in the heart of those who contrive evil ; 20
But the counsellors of peace have joy.

No iniquity approacheth the just man ; 21
But the wicked are full of evil.

Lips of falsehood are an abomination to Jehovah ; 22
But they who act faithfully are acceptable to him.

A prudent man concealeth knowledge ; 23
But the heart of the fool proclaimeth folly.

The hand of the diligent shall rule ; 24
But the idle hand shall be under tribute.

Grief in the heart of a man casteth it down ; 25
But a good word causeth it to rejoice.

The righteous man exploret *his ways* more than his 26
neighbour ;

But the way of the wicked causeth them to wander.

The slothful man will not snare his prey ; 27
But diligence is the precious wealth of a man.

In the way of righteousness is life ; 28
But the way of the bye-path *leadeth* to death.

1 CHAP. XIII.—A wise son *heareth* the instruction of *his*
father;

But a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 From the fruit of the mouth a man shall eat good;
But the soul of transgressors *shall eat* violence.

3 He who guardeth his mouth keepeth his life:
He who openeth wide his lips hasteneth destruction.

4 The soul of the slothful man desireth and hath nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be richly supplied.

5 A righteous man hateth a word of falsehood;
But a wicked man maketh himself loathsome, and cometh
to shame.

6 Righteousness guardeth him who is perfect in the way;
But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7 There is who maketh himself rich, yet hath not any
thing:

There is who maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.

8 A ransom for a man's life is his riches;
But the poor man heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth;
But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 A foolish man by pride causeth strife;
But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.

11 Wealth is diminished by vanity;
But he who collecteth with labour shall increase *it*.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick;
But desire obtained is a tree of life.

13 He who despiseth the word shall be punished;
But he who revereth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of a wise man is a fountain of life,
To avoid the snares of death.

15 Good understanding bringeth favour;
But the way of transgressors is rough.

16 Every prudent man acteth with knowledge;
But a foolish man spreadeth abroad *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger causeth *men* to fall into evil;
But a faithful ambassador is a healing medicine.

18 Poverty and disgrace *befall* him who rejecteth instruction;
But he who regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 Desire accomplished is sweet to the soul;
But it is an abomination to fools to decline from evil.

20 He who walketh with wise men shall be wise;
But the companion of fools shall suffer evil.

- Evil pursueth sinners; 21
 But good shall recompense the righteous.
 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his sons' sons; 22
 But the wealth of the sinner is treasured up for the
 righteous.
 Much food *is produced by* the tillage of the poor; 23
 But substance is wasted by want of judgment.
 He who spareth his rod hateth his son; 24
 But he who loveth him correcteth him betimes.
 A righteous man eateth till his soul is satisfied; 25
 But the belly of the wicked shall be destitute.

CHAP. XIV.—Every wise woman buildeth her house; 1
 But a foolish woman overthroweth *her house* with her own
 hands.

He who walketh in his uprightness feareth Jehovah; 2
 But he who is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

In the mouth of a fool is the rod of pride; 3
 But the lips of the wise preserve them.

Where no oxen are, the crib is clean; 4
 But much increase is by the strength of the ox.

A faithful witness will not lie; 5
 But a false witness uttereth lies.

A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth* none; 6
 But knowledge is an easy thing to a man of understand-
 ing.

Go away from a foolish man, 7
 And him in whom thou perceivest not the lips of know-
 ledge.

The wisdom of the prudent man is to understand his way; 8
 But the folly of the foolish is deceit.

Guilt joineth together fools; 9
 But between the upright is favour.

The heart knoweth its own bitterness, 10
 And a stranger partaketh not in its joy.

The house of the wicked shall be destroyed; 11
 But the tent of the upright shall flourish.

There is a way that seemeth right to a man; 12
 But the end of it are ways of death.

Even in laughter the heart may grieve; 13
 And the end of joy may be sorrow.

He who turneth back his heart shall be satisfied from his 14
 own ways,

As a good man is from himself.

15 A simple man believeth every word ;
But a prudent man looketh well to his going.

16 A wise man feareth, and turneth away from evil ;
But a fool rusheth on, and is confident.

17 He who is easily provoked acteth foolishly ;
But a man of evil devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly ;
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 Evil men bow down before the good,
And wicked men at the gates of the righteous.

20 Even to his neighbour is a poor man hateful ;
But many are the friends of a rich man.

21 He who despiseth his neighbour sinneth ;
But he who is kind to the poor, happy is he !

22 Do not they err who devise evil ?
But they have kindness and truth who devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit ;
But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to want.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches :
The folly of fools is *still* folly.

25 A true witness delivereth lives ;
But a deceitful *witness* uttereth lies.

26 In the fear of Jehovah is strong confidence ;
And to his children he will be a refuge.

27 The fear of Jehovah is a fountain of life,
To turn away from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of a people is the honour of a king ;
But the failing of a people is the destruction of a ruler.

29 He who is slow to anger is of great discretion ;
But he who is easily provoked exalteth folly.

30 A healthful heart is the life of the flesh ;
But jealousy is rottenness of the bones.

31 He who oppresseth a poor man reproacheth his Maker ;
But he honoureth him who sheweth favour to the needy.

32 By his evil deeds a wicked man is driven away ;
But a righteous man hath confidence in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of the prudent man ;
But that which is in fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation ;
But sin is a disgrace to any people.

35 The favour of a king is *shown* to a wise minister ;
But his wrath is against one who causeth shame.

- CHAP. XV.—A gentle answer turneth away wrath ; 1
 But a grievous word stirreth up anger.
 The tongue of the wise maketh knowledge pleasant ; 2
 But the mouth of fools poureth forth folly.
 The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, 3
 Beholding the evil and the good.
 A healing tongue is a tree of life ; 4
 But the perverseness of it breaketh down the spirit.
 A fool despiseth the instruction of his father ; 5
 But he who regardeth reproof will become prudent.
 In the house of a righteous man is much treasure ; 6
 But the produce of the wicked is troubled.
 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge ; 7
 But the heart of fools doth not so.
 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah ; 8
 But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
 The way of a wicked man is an abomination to Jehovah ; 9
 But he loveth him who followeth after righteousness.
 Admonition is evil to him who forsaketh the way ; 10
 But he who hateth reproof shall die.
 The Grave and Destruction are before Jehovah ; 11
 How much more the hearts of the sons of men !
 A scorner loveth not one who reproveth him ; 12
Therefore to the wise he goeth not.
 A joyful heart maketh the face cheerful ; 13
 But by grief of heart the spirit is made sad.
 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh know- 14
 ledge ;
 But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.
 All the days of the afflicted are evil ; 15
 But he who is cheerful of heart hath a continual feast.
 Better is a little with the fear of Jehovah, 16
 Than great treasure and terror therewith.
 Better is a meal of herbs, if love be there, 17
 Than a fatted ox and hatred therewith.
 A wrathful man stirreth up strife ; 18
 But he who is slow to anger appeaseth contention.
 The way of the slothful man is as a hedge of thorns ; 19
 But the way of the upright is a high-way.
 A wise son maketh a father glad ; 20
 But a foolish man despiseth his mother.
 Folly is joy to one destitute of understanding ; 21
 But an intelligent man maketh straight his going.

- 22 Where there is no counsel purposes are made void ;
But by a multitude of counsellors they are confirmed.
- 23 A man hath joy from the answer of his mouth ;
And a word in due season, how good it is !
- 24 The way of life is upward to the wise,
So as to turn away from the grave beneath.
- 25 The house of the proud, Jehovah will destroy ;
But he will establish the boundary of the widow.
- 26 Purposes of wickedness are an abomination to Jehovah ;
But words of pleasantness are pure in his sight.
- 27 He who is greedy of gain troubleth his own house ;
But he who hateth gifts shall cause it to live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous man considereth well an
answer ;
But the mouth of the wicked poureth forth evil things.
- 29 Jehovah is far from the wicked ;
But the prayer of the righteous he heareth.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart ;
And a good report maketh fat the bones.
- 31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life
Shall abide among the wise.
- 32 He who rejecteth instruction despiseth his soul ;
But he who heareth reproof acquireth understanding.
- 33 The fear of Jehovah is the instruction of wisdom ;
And before honour is humility.

- 1 CHAP. XVI.—To man *belong* the plans of the heart ;
But from Jehovah is the answer of the tongue.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes ;
But Jehovah weigheth spirits.
- 3 Commit thy deeds to Jehovah ;
So shall thy purposes be established.
- 4 Jehovah maketh every thing suited to its purpose ;
So even the wicked man to the day of evil.
- 5 An abomination to Jehovah, is every one lofty of heart :
Though hand join to hand he shall not be unpunished.
- 6 By kindness and truth iniquity is covered ;
And by the fear of Jehovah men turn away from evil.
- 7 When the ways of a man are pleasing to Jehovah,
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little, with righteousness,
Than great revenues, with injustice.
- 9 The heart of man may devise his way ;

- But Jehovah establisheth his steps.
 An oracle is on the lips of a king : 10
 In judgment his mouth will not go wrong.
 A just weight and balance are of Jehovah : 11
 All the weights of the bag are his work.
 To commit wickedness is an abomination to kings ; 12
 For by righteousness is the throne established.
 Righteous lips are acceptable to a king ; 13
 And he loveth him who speaketh uprightly.
 The wrath of a king is *as* the messengers of death ; 14
 But a wise man will appease it.
 In the light of a king's countenance is life ; 15
 And his favour is as the cloud of the latter rain.
 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold ; 16
 And to get understanding to be chosen rather than
 silver !
 The high-way of the upright is to turn aside from 17
 evil :
 He preserveth his life, who guardeth his way.
 Pride is before destruction, 18
 And a haughty spirit before a fall.
 Better to be of a lowly spirit with the meek, 19
 Than to share spoil with the proud.
 He who is skilful in a matter findeth good ; 20
 But he who confideth in Jehovah, happy is he !
 The wise in heart shall be called intelligent ; 21
 And the sweetness of the lips addeth learning.
 Understanding is a fountain of life to those who 22
 possess it ;
 But the snare of fools is folly.
 The heart of a wise man giveth understanding to his 23
 mouth ;
 And addeth learning to his lips.
 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, 24
 Sweet to the taste, and healthful to the bones.
 There is a way that seemeth right to a man, 25
 But the end of it are ways of death.
 The appetite of a labouring man laboreth for itself, 26
 For his mouth layeth a burden upon him.
 A worthless man prepareth evil ; 27
 And on his lips is a burning fire.
 A perverse man casteth abroad strife ; 28
 And a whisperer separateth familiar friends.

- 29 A malicious man seduceth his neighbour,
And leadeth him into a way which is not good ;
30 Shutting his eyes to devise perverse things ;
Moving his lips, he accomplisheth evil.
31 The hoary head is a crown of beauty,
When it is found in the way of righteousness.
32 Better is he who is slow to anger than a mighty man ;
And he who ruleth his own spirit than he who taketh a
city.
33 The lot is cast into the bosom ;
But its whole decision is from Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. XVII.—Better is a dry morsel, with quietness,
Than a house full of sacrifices of contention.
2 A wise servant shall rule over a son that causeth shame,
And shall have a portion of the inheritance together with
brothers.
3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold ;
But Jehovah trieth hearts.
4 An evil man hearkeneth to the lip of iniquity ;
A liar listeneth to a mischievous tongue.
5 He who mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker ;
He who rejoiceth at *his* calamity shall not be guiltless.
6 The crown of old men are children's children ;
And the ornament of children are their fathers.
7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool ;
Much less a prince the lip of falsehood.
8 A gift is a precious stone in the eyes of him who pos-
sesseth it :
On whatever side he turneth himself, he prospereth.
9 He who concealeth a transgression seeketh love ;
But he who repeateth the mention of it separateth familiar
friends.
10 A rebuke descendeth deeper into a man of understand-
ing
Than the smiting of a fool a hundred times.
11 Surely a rebellious man seeketh evil,
And a cruel messenger shall be sent to him.
12 Let a bear, robbed of her cubs, meet a man,
And not a fool in his folly.
13 He who returneth evil for good,
Evil shall not depart from his house.

- The beginning of strife is the letting out of water ; 14
 Therefore desist from contention before *rage* is manifested.
 He who acquitteth a wicked man, and he who condemneth a righteous man, 15
 Are both an abomination to Jehovah.
 To what purpose is this, a price in the hand of a fool 16
 To purchase wisdom, when he hath no understanding ?
 A friend loveth in every season, 17
 And a brother is born for adversity.
 A man void of understanding striketh hands, 18
 Becoming surety in the presence of his friend.
 He loveth transgression who loveth strife : 19
 He who maketh high his gate, seeketh destruction.
 He who is perverse of heart findeth not good, 20
 And a prevaricator falleth into evil.
 He who begetteth a fool, it is to his sorrow, 21
 And the father of a fool rejoiceth not.
 A joyful heart bringeth healing ; 22
 But a wounded spirit drieth the bones.
 A wicked man will take a gift from the bosom, 23
 To turn aside the ways of justice.
 In the presence of a man of understanding is wisdom ; 24,
 But the eyes of a fool are at the end of the earth.
 A foolish son is vexation to his father, 25
 And bitterness to her who bare him.
 Surely to punish a righteous man is not good ; 26
 Or to smite men of high degree for that which is right.
 He who spareth his words hath knowledge : 27
 A man of understanding is of a grave spirit.
 Even a fool when he is silent is accounted a wise man ; 28
 He who closeth his lips, a man of understanding.

CHAP. XVIII.—The unsociable man seeketh *his own* 1
 desire :

All wisdom he treateth with contempt.

A foolish man hath no delight in understanding, 2
 But rather in his heart revealing itself.

When a wicked man cometh, contempt also cometh, 3
 And with ignominy, reproach.

The words of a man's mouth are deep waters ; 4
 A fountain of wisdom is a flowing stream.

To accept the person of a wicked man is not good, 5

To turn aside a righteous man in judgment.

6 The lips of a fool enter into contention,
And his mouth inviteth bruises.

7 The mouth of a fool is destruction to him,
And his lips are a snare for his soul.

8 The words of a tale-bearer are dainties :
They also go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9 He who is slothful in his work
Is a brother to him who is addicted to wasting.

10 The name of Jehovah is a tower of strength :
The righteous man runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is the city of his strength :
And as a lofty wall, in his own imagination.

12 Before destruction the heart of man exalteth itself ;
But before honour is meekness.

13 He who answereth before he hath heard,
To him it is folly and shame.

14 The spirit of a man may sustain his infirmity ;
But a wounded spirit who can bear ?

15 An understanding heart will acquire knowledge ;
And the ear of the wise will seek knowledge.

16 The gift of a man openeth a wide space to him,
And bringeth him into the presence of the great.

17 He who is first in his cause is righteous ;
But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease,
And separateth between the powerful.

19 A brother transgressed against is stronger than a fortified city ;
And the contentions of *brothers* are like the bars of a citadel.

20 From the fruit of a man's mouth his belly shall be satisfied :

With the produce of his lips he shall be satisfied.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And they who love it shall eat its fruit.

22 He who findeth a wife findeth good,
And obtaineth favour from Jehovah.

23 The poor man uttereth supplications,
And the rich man answereth harshly.

24 A man with many friends is about to be ruined ;
But one who loveth cleaveth closer than a brother.

- CHAP. XIX.—Better is a poor man who walketh in his integrity
 Than he who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
 Truly, where the soul is without knowledge, it is not good ;
 And he who hasteth with his feet goeth astray.
 The folly of a man perverteth his way ; 3
 Yet against Jehovah is his heart indignant.
 Wealth addeth many friends ; 4
 But the poor man is separated from his neighbour.
 A false witness shall not be unpunished, 5
 And he who uttereth lies shall not escape.
 Many will court the favour of a man of high degree ; 6
 And every one is a friend to him who giveth gifts.
 All the brothers of a poor man hate him ; 7
 Much more do his neighbours stand afar from him :
 He relieth upon words which are nothing.
 He who acquireth wisdom loveth his soul : 8
 He who keepeth understanding findeth good.
 A false witness shall not be unpunished, 9
 And he who uttereth lies shall perish.
 Delicate living is not becoming to a fool ; 10
 Much less to a servant to have rule over princes.
 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger ; 11
 And his glory is to pass over a transgression.
 The rage of a king is as the roar of a young lion ; 12
 But as dew upon the herbage is his favour.
 A foolish son is a calamity to his father, 13
 And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
 A house and riches are an inheritance of fathers ; 14
 But a prudent wife is from Jehovah.
 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep ; 15
 And the soul that is remiss shall suffer hunger.
 He who keepeth the commandment keepeth his life ; 16
 He who despiseth his ways shall die.
 He who is kind to the poor lendeth to Jehovah ; 17
 And his good deed shall be recompensed to him.
 Chastise thy son, while there is hope, 18
 But let not thy soul desire to kill him.
 He who is of great wrath shall suffer punishment ; 19
 For, though thou deliver him, thou must do it again.
 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, 20

That thou mayest be wise in thy future *days*.

21 Many are the purposes in the heart of a man ;
But the counsel of Jehovah, that shall stand.

22 The acceptableness of a man is his kindness ;
And better is a poor man than a man of deceit.

23 The fear of Jehovah *leadeth* to life ;
And he who is filled *with it* shall abide ; he shall not be
visited by evil.

24 The slothful man hideth his hand in the dish ;
Even to his own mouth he will not bring it again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple man will become
prudent ;
And reprove an intelligent man, he will discern know-
ledge.

26 He who wasteth his father, and driveth away his mother,
Is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, from hearing instruction
That would cause thee to stray from words of knowledge.

28 An unrighteous witness will scorn justice ;
And the mouth of the wicked swalloweth iniquity.

29 Punishments are prepared for scorners,
And bruises for the back of fools.

1 CHAP. XX.—Wine is a mocker, strong drink tumult-
uous ;

And whosoever is led astray by it will not be wise.

2 The terror of a king is as the roar of a lion :
He who provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own
life.

3 It is an honour to a man to cease from contention ;
But every fool will provoke to anger.

4 A slothful man will not plough on account of winter ;
He shall seek in harvest, but *find* nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of a man is like deep waters :
But a man of understanding will draw it up.

6 Many will proclaim each his own kindness ;
But a trustworthy man, who can find ?

7 He who walketh in his integrity is a righteous man :
Happy are his children after him !

8 A king, sitting on the throne of judgment,
Scattereth by his eyes every evil thing.

9 Who will say, " I have made my heart pure,

I am pure from my sin ? ”

Different weights, different measures, 10
An abomination to Jehovah are they both.

Even a youth maketh himself known by his doings, 11
Whether his deed will be pure, and whether it will be right.

The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, 12
Jehovah maketh even both of them.

Love not sleep, lest thou be impoverished ; 13
Open thine eyes, thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

“ It is bad, it is bad,” saith the buyer ; 14
But when he hath gone away, then he boasteth.

There is gold, and abundance of pearls ; 15
But a precious jewel are lips of knowledge.

Take a man’s garment when he has become surety for a 16
foreigner ;

And when for strangers, take a pledge of him.

Bread of deceit is sweet to a man, 17
But after it his mouth will be filled with gravel.

Every purpose is established by counsel ; 18
Therefore by counsels make war.

He who revealeth counsels goeth about as a tale-bearer ; 19
Therefore with him who openeth his lips associate not.

He who curseth his father and his mother, 20
His lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.

An inheritance may be hastily gotten at the first ; 21
But its end shall not be blessed.

Say not, “ I will repay evil : ” 22
Wait for Jehovah and he will save thee.

Different weights are an abomination to Jehovah, 23
And a deceitful balance is not good.

The steps of a man are from Jehovah : 24
How then can a man understand his own way ?

It is a snare to a man rashly to declare a thing holy, 25
And to inquire after making vows.

A wise king scattereth the wicked, 26
And turneth the threshing-wheel over them.

The spirit of a man is the lamp of Jehovah, 27
Searching into all the innermost parts of the belly.

Kindness and truth guard a king ; 28
And his throne is upheld by kindness.

The beauty of young men is their strength ; 29

And the honour of old men is grey hair.

30 The bruises of a wound purify a wicked man ;
And stripes, the innermost parts of the belly.

1 CHAP. XXI.—The heart of a king is as streams of water
in the hand of Jehovah :

He turneth it upon whatever he pleaseth.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes ;
But Jehovah pondereth hearts.

3 To do righteousness and judgment
Is more acceptable to Jehovah than sacrifice.

4 A lofty look and pride of heart,
Though the lamp of the wicked, are sin.

5 The purposes of the careful tend surely to abundance ;
But of every one who is hasty, only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a tongue of falsehood
Is a fleeting vapour, the snares of death.

7 The destruction of the wicked shall hurry them away,
Because they refuse to do justice.

8 Crooked is the way of a man laden with crime ;
But the pure, his work is straight.

9 Better is it to dwell in the corner of a housetop,
Than with a contentious wife in a spacious house.

10 The soul of the wicked man desireth evil :
His neighbour hath no favour in his eyes.

11 When the seornor is punished, the simple become wise ;
But when the wise man is instructed, he receiveth know-
ledge.

12 A righteous man wisely regardeth the house of a wicked
man,

When God causeth the wicked to fall into evil.

13 He who closeth his ears against the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret suppresseth anger ;
And a present in the bosom, strong wrath.

15 To do justice is joy to a righteous man ;
But destruction to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man who wandereth from the way of instruction
Shall rest in the congregation of the dead.

17 The man who loveth jollity shall be poor ;
He who loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked man is a ransom for the righteous,
And the transgressor for the upright.

It is better to dwell in a desert land,	19
Than with a contentious and angry wife.	
Desirable treasure and oil is in the habitation of a wise man ;	20
But a foolish man swalloweth it up.	
He who pursueth righteousness and kindness,	21
Shall find life, righteousness, and honour.	
A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty,	22
And bringeth down the strength of its confidence.	
He who keepeth his mouth and his tongue	23
Keepeth his soul from troubles.	
A scorner is the proud and haughty man called,	24
Who acteth with excess of pride.	
The desire of the slothful killeth him ;	25
For his hands refuse to do any work.	
Greediness coveteth all the day ;	26
But the righteous man giveth and withholdeth not.	
The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination :	27
Much more when he bringeth it with a wicked purpose.	
A lying witness shall perish ;	28
But the man who hath heard speaketh truly.	
A man who is wicked hardeneth his face ;	29
But the upright directeth his way.	
Wisdom is nothing, understanding nothing,	30
Counsel nothing, against Jehovah.	
The horse is prepared for the day of battle ;	31
But safety is of Jehovah.	

CHAP. XXII.—A *good* name is to be chosen rather than riches,

And good favour rather than silver and gold.

The rich and the poor meet together :
Jehovah maketh them all. 2

A prudent man foreseeth evil, and hideth himself ;
But the simple pass on, and are punished 3

The reward of humility, *and* of the fear of Jehovah,
Are riches, and honour, and life. 4

Thorns and snares are in the way of a perverse man :
He who would preserve his life will keep far from them. 5

Train up a child in the way he should go :
Even when he is old he will not depart from it. 6

The rich man ruleth over the poor,
And he who borroweth is servant to him who lendeth. 7

- 8 He who soweth iniquity shall reap calamity,
And the rod of his anger shall utterly fail.
- 9 A bountiful man shall be blessed,
Because he giveth of his bread to the poor.
- 10 Drive away a scorner, and contention will go out ;
And strife and ignominy will cease.
- 11 He who loveth purity of heart
Hath grace on his lips: the king shall be his friend.
- 12 The eyes of Jehovah guard knowledge ;
But he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.
- 13 The slothful man saith, "A lion is in the street ;
I shall be slain in the open places."
- 14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit :
He who is abhorred of Jehovah falleth therein.
- 15 Folly is bound in the heart of a youth ;
The rod of correction shall send it far from him.
- 16 He who oppresseth a poor man, to enrich himself,
Giveth to a rich man, only to impoverish him.

SECT. III.

- 17 CHAP. XXII.—Incline thine ear, and hear the words of
the wise,
And apply thy heart to my knowledge :
- 18 For it will be a pleasant thing if thou keep them in
thy breast ;
If they be all of them ready on thy lips.
- 19 That thy trust may be in Jehovah,
I this day teach thee, even thee.
- 20 Have I not written for thee thrice,
With much counsel and knowledge ;
- 21 To teach thee the certainty of the words of truth,
That thou mayest answer words of truth to those who
send to thee ?
- 22 Plunder not the poor, because he is poor,
Neither crush the afflicted in the gate ;
- 23 For Jehovah will plead their cause,
And rob of life those who rob them.
- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a wrathful man go not ;

Lest thou learn his ways,	25
And get a snare to thy soul.	
Be not among those who strike hands,	26
Among those who are sureties for debts.	
If thou have nothing to pay,	27
Why should thy bed be taken from under thee ?	
Remove not the ancient land-mark	28
Which thy fathers set up.	
Scest thou a man diligent in his business—	29
He shall stand before kings :	
He shall not stand before obscure <i>men</i> .	

CHAP. XXIII.—When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,	1
Consider well who is before thee ;	
And put a knife to thy throat,	2
If thou art accustomed to indulge thine appetite.	
Desire not his dainties ;	3
For it is deceitful food.	
Weary not thyself to become rich ;	4
Cease thou from thine understanding.	
Wilt thou suffer thine eyes to fly towards that which is not ?	5
For it will certainly make for itself wings,	
As an eagle flieth in the heavens.	
Eat not the bread of him who hath an evil eye,	6
And desire not his dainties ;	
For, as he reckoneth within himself, so is he :	7
He will say to thee, “Eat and drink ;”	
But his heart is not with thee :	
The morsel thou hast eaten thou wilt cast up,	8
And thou wilt lose thy pleasant words.	
Speak not in the ears of a fool ;	9
For he will despise the wisdom of thy sayings.	
Remove not the ancient land-mark ;	10
And go not into the fields of the fatherless :	
For their Avenger is mighty ;	11
He will plead their cause with thee.	
Bring thy heart to instruction,	12
And thine ears to the words of knowledge.	
Withhold not correction from a youth ;	13
For, if thou smite him with a rod, he will not die :	
With a rod thou shalt smite him,	14
And his soul thou wilt deliver from the grave.	

- 15 My son, if thy heart be wise,
My heart will rejoice, even mine ;
- 16 And my reins will exult,
When thy lips speak upright things.
- 17 Let not thy heart be envious of sinners ;
But be in the fear of Jehovah all the day :
- 18 For there will surely be a reward,
And thine expectation shall not be cut off.
- 19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
And guide thy heart in the way.
- 20 Be not among those who drink wine ;
Among those who dishonour their body.
- 21 For a drunkard and a profligate shall be impoverished ;
And slumber shall clothe *him* with rags.
- 22 Hearken unto thy father who begat thee,
And despise not thy mother when she hath become old.
- 23 Buy truth, and sell it not ;
Wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
- 24 The father of a righteous man shall greatly exult ;
And he who begetteth a wise *son* shall rejoice in him.
- 25 Let thy father and thy mother rejoice,
And let her who bare thee exult.
- 26 My son, give me thy heart,
And let thine eyes observe my ways.
- 27 For a harlot is a deep pit ;
And a foreign woman is a narrow well.
- 28 Surely, like a robber, she lieth in wait,
And increaseth transgressors among men.
- 29 Who hath woe ? who hath sorrow ?
Who hath contentions ? who hath complaint ?
Who hath wounds without cause ? who hath redness
of eyes ?
- 30 They who tarry over the wine,
They who go to seek mixed wine.
- 31 Look not on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkleth in the cup,
When it moveth itself aright :
- 32 In the end it biteth like a serpent,
And like a basilisk it diffuseth poison :
- 33 Thine eyes will look on strange women,
And thy heart will speak perverse things :
- 34 And thou wilt be as one lying in the heart of the sea ;
Or as one lying on the top of a mast :

“They have smitten me, I felt not pain ; 35
 They have beaten me, I knew it not :
 When I shall have awakened, I will seek it yet again.”

CHAP. XXIV.—Be not envious of evil men, 1
 Neither desire to be with them ;
 For their heart meditateth destruction, 2
 And their lips talk of trouble.
 By wisdom a house is builded, 3
 And by understanding it is established ;
 And by knowledge the inner chambers are filled 4
 With all precious and pleasant wealth.
 More powerful is a wise man than a strong one ; 5
 And a man of knowledge than he who is mighty in
 strength :
 For by counsels thou must make war, 6
 And safety is in a multitude of counsellors.
 Wisdom is too high for a fool ; 7
 In the gate he openeth not his mouth.
 He who deviseth to do evil 8
 Shall be called a master of evil devices.
 The device of folly is sin ; 9
 And a scorner is an abomination to men.
 Art thou faint in the day of trouble— 10
 Thy strength is small.
 Deliver those who are taken away to death, 11
 And who are hurried on to be slain.
 If thou refrain, because thou sayest, 12
 “Lo, we know not this man ;”
 Shall not he who pondereth hearts discern ?
 And he who preserveth thy life know,
 And render to a man according to his work ?
 Eat honey, my son, for it is good ; 13
 And the honey-comb, for it is sweet to thy palate :
 So acquire thou the knowledge of wisdom for thy soul. 14
 If thou find it, then thou wilt have a reward,
 And thine expectation will not be cut off.
 Lie not in wait, O wicked man, against the habitation 15
 of the righteous ;
 Neither destroy his resting-place :
 For seven times may a righteous man fall, and rise 16
 again ;
 But the wicked shall stumble by evil.

- 17 When thine enemy falleth, rejoice not ;
 Nor, when he stumbleth, let thy heart exult ;
 18 Lest Jehovah see, and it be evil in his eyes,
 And he turn away his anger from him.
 19 Fret not thyself because of evil men,
 Neither be jealous of the wicked :
 20 For the evil man shall have no posterity :
 The lamp of the wicked shall be extinguished.
 21 Fear Jehovah, my son, and the king ;
 And join not thyself with those who would change :
 22 For, suddenly shall their calamity arise,
 And the ruin of both, who can know ?

SECT. IV.

- 23 CHAP. XXIV.—These also are *sayings* of wise men.

- To have respect to persons in judgment is not good.
 24 He who saith to a wicked man, “Thou art righteous ;”
 Him peoples shall curse, him nations shall abhor ;
 25 But to those who reprove him, it shall be pleasant,
 And the blessing of the good man shall come upon them.
 26 The lips shall be kissed of *him*
 Who giveth a right answer.
 27 Establish thy work without,
 And make it ready for thyself in the field ;
 Then afterwards thou mayest build thy house.
 28 Be not a witness without cause against thy neighbour ;
 Nor deceive with thy lips.
 29 Say not, “As he hath done to me, so will I do to him ;
 I will render to a man according to his work.”
 30 I passed by the field of the slothful man,
 And by the vineyard of the man void of understanding ;
 31 And lo, it was all grown over with nettles ;
 Thorns had covered its face ;
 And its wall of stones was broken down.
 32 And I looked, I considered *it* well ;
 I saw, I received instruction :
 33 A little sleep, a little slumber,
 A little folding of the hands to sleep ;
 34 And thy poverty cometh as a traveller,
 And thy want as an armed man.

SECT. V.

CHAP. XXV.—These also are Proverbs of Solomon, 1
which men *employed by* Hezekiah, king of Judah,
copied out.

- It is the glory of God to conceal a matter ; 2
But it is the glory of kings to search out a matter.
The heavens for height, and the earth for depth, 3
And the heart of kings, are not to be searched out.
Take away the dross from the silver, 4
And there will come forth a vessel for the silversmith :
Take away a wicked man from before the king, 5
And his throne will be established by righteousness.
Take not glory to thyself in the presence of a king ; 6
And stand not in the place of great men :
For it is better that it should be said to thee, ‘ Come 7
up hither,’
Than that thou shouldest be humbled in the presence of
the prince
Whom thine eyes have seen.
Go not forth to contention hastily ; 8
Consider what thou wilt do in the issue thereof,
When thy neighbour shall have put thee to shame.
Plead thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*, 9
And reveal not the secret of another ;
Lest, hearing of it, he disgrace thee, 10
And thine infamy turn not away.
Citrons of gold, in figured work of silver, 11
Is a word spoken in proper season.
A ring of gold, an ornament of fine gold, 12
Is a wise reprover upon a listening ear.
As the coldness of snow in a day of harvest, 13
Is a faithful messenger to those who send him ;
For the soul of his master he refresheth.
Clouds and wind without rain, 14
Is a man who boasteth himself of a false gift.
By forbearance a ruler is persuaded, 15
And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
Hast thou found honey—Eat what is sufficient for thee, 16

- Lest thou be satiated with it, and cast it up.
- 17 Make thy foot unfrequent in the house of thy neighbour,
Lest he be satiated with thee, and hate thee.
- 18 A mallet, a sword, and a pointed arrow,
Is a man who beareth false witness against his neighbour.
- 19 A broken tooth, and a tottering foot,
Is confidence in a faithless man in a day of trouble.
- 20 One taking away a garment in a day of cold,
Or vinegar *poured* upon nitre,
Is he who singeth songs to a troubled heart.
- 21 If he who hateth thee be hungry, give him bread to eat ;
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink :
22 For brands of fire thou wilt heap upon his head,
And Jehovah will recompense thee.
- 23 The north wind bringeth forth rain ;
And a secret tongue angry countenances.
- 24 Better is it to dwell in the corner of a housetop,
Than with a contentious wife in a spacious house.
- 25 Cold water to a weary soul,
Is a good report from a distant land.
- 26 A troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring,
Is a righteous man swerving before a wicked man.
- 27 To eat honey to excess is not good ;
So the contempt of glory *arises* from glory.
- 28 A city broken into, without walls,
Is a man who hath no restraint over his own spirit.

- 1 CHAP. XXVI.—As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honour becometh not a fool.
- 2 As the sparrow in wandering, as the swallow in flying,
So a curse without cause shall not take effect.
- 3 A whip for a horse, a bridle for an ass,
And a rod for the back of a fool.
- 4 Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest thou also be like to him :
- 5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 6 He cutteth off his own feet, he drinketh damage,
Who sendeth a message by a fool.
- 7 A proverb in the mouth of fools,
Is the lifting up of the legs of a lame man.
- 8 As one who bindeth a stone in a sling,

- So is he who giveth honour to a fool.
 As a thorn brandished by the hand of a drunken man, 9
 So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
 A contentious man disturbeth all things; 10
 For he hireth a fool, he hireth also those who are passing
 by.
 As a dog returneth to his vomit, 11
 So a fool repeateth his folly.
 Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes— 12
 There is hope of a fool rather than of him.
 The slothful man saith, "A roaring lion is in the way, 13
 A lion in the open places."
 A door turneth on its hinge, 14
 And the slothful man on his bed.
 The slothful man hideth his hand in the dish; 15
 He is loath to bring it again to his mouth.
 Wiser is a slothful man in his own eyes, 16
 Than seven men who return a prudent answer.
 He who meddleth with a cause that concerneth him not, 17
 Taketh by the ears a dog that is passing by.
 As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, 18
 Is a man who deceiveth his neighbour, 19
 And saith, "Am I not in sport?"
 When wood faileth, the fire goeth out; 20
 So, where there is no whisperer, contention ceaseth.
 As charcoal for burning, and wood for fire, 21
 So is a contentious man for kindling strife.
 The words of a whisperer are dainties; 22
 They also descend into the innermost parts of the belly.
 Impure silver spread over a potsherd, 23
 Are glowing lips, and an evil heart.
 One who hateth dissembleth with his lips, 24
 While within him he layeth up deceit.
 When he speaketh fair, believe him not; 25
 For seven abominations are in his heart.
 Hatred may be covered with deceit; 26
 His wickedness shall be revealed in the assembly.
 He who diggeth a pit shall fall therein, 27
 And he who rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him-
 self.
 A lying tongue hateth those who are wounded by it; 28
 And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

- 1 CHAP. XXVII.—Boast not thyself of the morrow ;
For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.
- 2 Let another praise thee, not thine own mouth ;
A stranger, and not thine own lips.
- 3 A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty ;
But the indignation of a fool is heavier than both these.
- 4 Wrath is very cruel, and anger is an overwhelming flood ;
But who can stand before jealousy ?
- 5 Better is reproof that revealeth *a fault*,
Than love that concealeth *it*.
- 6 Faithful are the wounds of one who loveth ;
But deceitful are the kisses of one who hateth.
- 7 The satisfied appetite loatheth the honey-comb ;
But to the hungry appetite every bitter thing is sweet.
- 8 As a bird wandering from its nest,
So is a man wandering from his home.
- 9 Ointment and incense rejoice the heart ;
But sweeter is a friend than fragrant wood.
- 10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not ;
And go not into thy brother's house in the day of thy
calamity :
Better is one who dwelleth near, than a brother afar off.
- 11 Be wise, my son, that my heart may rejoice ;
So shall I answer him who reproacheth me.
- 12 A prudent man seeth evil, and hideth himself :
But the simple pass on, and are punished.
- 13 Take a man's garment when he hath become surety for
a foreigner ;
And when for strangers, take a pledge of him.
- 14 He who blesseth a friend with a loud voice, rising early
in the morning,
A curse shall it be accounted to him.
- 15 Continual is the dropping in a rainy day,
And a contentious wife is like unto it :
- 16 He who hideth her might hide the wind,
And hold fast oil in his right hand.
- 17 Iron is sharpened by iron ;
So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.
- 18 He who guardeth a fig-tree shall eat its fruit ;
And he who observeth his lord shall be honoured.
- 19 As water *sheweth* the face to the face,
So the heart, the man to man.
- 20 The Grave and Destruction are never satisfied ;

So the eyes of man are never satisfied.
 The melting-pot for silver, and the furnace for gold ; 21
 And a man for the mouth of him who praiseth him.
 If thou pound a fool in a mortar, 22
 Among corn with a pestle,
 Thou wilt not remove his folly from him.
 Know well the face of thy flock, 23
 And consider well the herds ;
 For wealth is not for ever : 24
 And doth the crown *endure* to many generations ?
 The grass appeareth, and the herbage is seen, 25
 And the herbs of the mountains are gathered :
 The lambs are for thy clothing, 26
 And the goats are the purchase of a field ;
 And there will be enough of the milk of the she-goats, 27
 For thine own food, for the food of thy household,
 And for the sustenance of thy maid-servants.

CHAP. XXVIII.—The wicked man fleeth when no one 1
 pursueth ;

But the righteous are confident as the lion.

In the rebellion of a land its princes are many ; 2
 But by a man who is intelligent and knoweth what is
 right, it shall be prolonged.

A man who hath been poor, and oppresseth the weak, 3
 Is a rain which sweepeth away, so that there is no food.

They who forsake the law praise a wicked man ; 4
 But they who keep the law contend against them.

Evil men discern not justice ; 5
 But they who seek Jehovah discern everything.

Better is the poor man walking in his integrity, 6
 Than he who is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

He who keepeth the law is an intelligent son ; 7
 But he who is a companion of profligates causeth shame
 to his father.

He who increaseth his wealth by interest and increase, 8
 He shall gather it for one who will be gracious to the
 poor.

He who turneth away his ear from hearing the law, 9
 Even his prayer shall be an abomination.

He who causeth the upright to wander in an evil way, 10
 Shall himself fall into his own pit ;
 But the perfect shall inherit good.

- 11 A rich man is wise in his own eyes,
But the poor man who hath discernment searcheth him.
- 12 When the righteous exult, there is great glory ;
But when the wicked rise, men retire.
- 13 He who covereth his transgressions shall not prosper ;
But he who confesseth, and forsaketh them, shall obtain
mercy.
- 14 Happy the man who feareth always !
But he who hardeneth his heart shall fall into evil.
- 15 A roaring lion, and a prowling bear,
Is a wicked ruler over a poor people.
- 16 The prince who is void of understanding is also a great
oppressor :
He who hateth gain shall prolong *his* days.
- 17 A man oppressed by the blood of any one
Will fly to the pit, lest they should lay hold on him.
- 18 He who walketh uprightly shall be safe ;
But he who is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
- 19 He who tilleth his ground shall be satisfied with bread ;
But he who followeth vain persons shall be satisfied
with poverty.
- 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings ;
But he who hasteneth to be rich shall not be guiltless.
- 21 To have respect to persons is not good :
Even for a morsel of bread will *such* a man trans-
gress.
- 22 A man of an evil eye hasteneth after wealth,
And considereth not that want will come upon him.
- 23 He who reproveth a man, shall afterwards find more
favour
Than he who flattereth with his tongue.
- 24 He who plundereth his father or his mother,
And saith, " It is no transgression,"
He is a companion of a robber.
- 25 He who is insatiable in his desires stirreth up strife ;
But he who confideth in Jehovah shall be enriched.
- 26 He who trusteth in his own understanding is a fool ;
But he who walketh in wisdom shall be delivered.
- 27 To him that giveth to the poor there shall be no want ;
But he who hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves ;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

- CHAP. XXIX.—He who, being often reprov'd, hard- 1
 eneth his neck,
 Shall suddenly be crushed, without remedy.
- When the righteous increase, the people rejoice ; 2
 But when a wicked man ruleth, the people groan.
- A man who loveth wisdom causeth joy to his father ; 3
 But a companion of harlots destroyeth *his* substance.
- The king by justice establisheth the land ; 4
 But he who receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
- A man who flattereth his neighbour 5
 Spreadeth a net for his feet.
- In the transgression of an evil man is a snare ; 6
 But a righteous man singeth aloud, and rejoiceth.
- A righteous man knoweth the cause of the poor : 7
 A wicked man will not discern the knowledge of it.
- Scorners raise a flame in a city ; 8
 But wise men turn away anger.
- A wise man contending with a foolish man, 9
 Whether he rage or laugh, hath yet no rest.
- Men of blood hate a perfect man ; 10
 But the upright care for his life.
- A fool will utter all his mind ; 11
 But a wise man keepeth it back.
- When a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood, 12
 All his servants are wicked.
- The poor man and the oppressor meet together : 13
 Jehovah giveth light to the eyes of both.
- The king who judgeth the poor with faithfulness, 14
 His throne shall be established for ever.
- The rod and reproof give wisdom ; 15
 But a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.
- When the wicked increase, transgression prevaieth ; 16
 But the righteous shall see their fall.
- Instruct thy son, and he will give thee rest ; 17
 And he will give great delight to thy soul.
- Where there is no vision, a people is lawless ; 18
 But they who keep the law, happy are they !
- By words *alone* a servant will not be corrected : 19
 For he will understand, but there will be no answer.
- Seest thou a man hasty in his words— 20
 More hope is there of a fool than of him.

- 21 He who treateth his servant delicately from a child,
In the end he will be *his* son.
- 22 An angry man stirreth up contention,
And a furious man aboundeth in transgression.
- 23 The pride of a man shall bring him low ;
But the lowly of spirit shall take hold on honour.
- 24 He who hath a portion with a thief hateth his life :
He heareth adjuration, but informeth not.
- 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare ;
But he who trusteth in Jehovah, shall be protected.
- 26 Many seek the countenance of a ruler ;
But the right of a man *cometh* from Jehovah.
- 27 An unrighteous man is an abomination to the righteous ;
And he who is upright in the way is an abomination to
a wicked man.

SECT. VI.

- 1 CHAP. XXX.—The words of Agur the son of Jakeh ;
the weighty sayings, which the man spake to Ithiel ; to Ithiel
and Ucal.
- 2 Surely I am more brutish than *any* man,
And I have not the understanding of a man ;
- 3 Neither have I learned wisdom,
Nor do I know the knowledge of the Most Holy.
- 4 Who hath ascended the heavens, and descended ?
Who hath collected the wind, grasping it with his hand ?
Who hath bound up the waters in a garment ?
Who hath established all the ends of the earth ?
What is his name, and what is the name of his son,
If thou knowest ?
- 5 Every saying of God is pure :
A shield is he to those who trust in him.
- 6 Add not to his words,
Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.
- 7 Two things I ask from Thee ;
Keep *them* not from me before I die :
- 8 Vanity and the word of falsehood put far from me :
Give me not poverty or riches :
Feed me with my stated food ;

- Lest I be full and deny *Thee*, 9
 And say, 'Who is Jehovah?'
 Or lest I become poor and steal,
 And profane the name of my God.
- Slander not a servant to his master, 10
 Lest he curse thee, and thou be condemned.
- A generation *there is* that curseth its father, 11
 And blesseth not its mother :
- A generation clean in its own eyes, 12
 Yet from its filthiness it is not washed.
- A generation—how lofty are its eyes ! 13
 And its eyelids—how are they raised !
- A generation—its teeth are swords, 14
 And its eye-teeth, knives,
 To devour the needy from the land,
 And the poor from among men.
- The leech hath two daughters, 15
 —Give, Give.
- There are three things which are never satisfied ; 16
 Four, which say not, 'Enough.'
 The grave, and the barren womb,
 The earth not filled with water,
 And fire, which saith not, 'Enough.'
- The eye that mocketh a father, 17
 And despiseth to be obedient to a mother,
 The ravens of the valley shall pick it out,
 And the young eagles shall eat it.
- Three things are there which are too wonderful for me, 18
 And four which I know not :
- The trace of the eagle in the heavens ; 19
 The trace of a serpent on a rock ;
 The trace of a ship in the midst of the sea ;
 And the trace of a man with a virgin.
- So is the way of a woman who is an adulteress : 20
 She eateth and wipeth her mouth,
 And saith, "I have not done wickedness."
- By means of three things a land is disquieted, 21
 And by means of four which it cannot bear ;
 By means of a servant when he reigneth, 22
 And of a fool when he is filled with food ;
- By means of a hateful woman, when she is married, 23
 And of a handmaid when she hath dispossessed her mis-
 tress.

- 24 Four things are there which are the least of the earth,
Yet are they wiser than the wise.
- 25 The ants are a people not strong,
Yet they prepare their food in the summer.
- 26 The cavies are a people not strong,
Yet on the rock they make their houses.
- 27 No king have the locusts,
Yet they go forth all of them in bands.
- 28 The lizard taketh hold with his hands,
And is in the palaces of a king.
- 29 Three things are there which have a comely step,
And four which are comely in their going :
- 30 The lion, the mightiest of beasts,
Which turneth not away from any one ;
- 31 The war-horse, or the he-goat ;
And a king in the assembly of his people.
- 32 If thou hast foolishly lifted thyself up,
Or if thou hast purposed evil, *put* thy hand to thy mouth.
- 33 For the pressing of milk produceth butter,
And the pressing of the nose produceth blood ;
And the pressing of anger produceth strife.

SECT. VII.

- 1 CHAP. XXXI.—The words of Lemuel, the king,
The weighty sayings by which his mother instructed him.
- 2 What, O my son ! and what, O son of my womb !
And what, O son of my vows !
- 3 Give not thy strength to women,
Nor thy ways to those who destroy kings.
Not for kings, O Lemuel, not for kings, *is it* to drink
- 4 wine,
Nor for counsellors, strong drink ;
- 5 Lest he drink and forget the commandment,
And pervert the judgment of all the sons of affliction.
- 6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing,
And wine to those who are bitter of spirit.
- 7 Let such drink, and forget his poverty,
And remember no more his trouble.
- 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb,
In the cause of all the sons of adversity.

Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And establish the right of the afflicted and the needy. 9

SECT. VIII.

CHAP. XXXI.—A virtuous wife who can find? 10
 For her price is far above pearls.
 The heart of her husband trusteth in her, 11
 That he will not be in want of substance.
 She doeth good to him, and not evil, 12
 All the days of her life.
 She seeketh wool and flax, 13
 And she worketh with the delight of her hands.
 She is like the ships of the merchants; 14
 From afar she bringeth her food.
 She even riseth while it is yet night, 15
 And giveth meat to her household, and a stated task to
 her maidens.
 She setteth her mind on a field, and buyeth it; 16
 From the produce of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
 She girded her loins with strength, 17
 And maketh strong her arms.
 She perceiveth that her merchandize is good: 18
 Her lamp is not extinguished by night.
 She applieth her hands to the distaff, 19
 And her hands take hold of the spindle.
 She openeth wide her hand to the afflicted; 20
 And she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; 21
 For all her household are clothed with double *garments*.
 Coverings of tapestry she maketh for herself; 22
 Fine linen and purple is her clothing.
 Her husband is known in the gates, 23
 When he sitteth with the elders of the land.
 She maketh garments of fine linen, and selleth *them*; 24
 And she delivereth girdles to the trafficker.
 Strength and honour are her clothing; 25
 And she laugheth at the future day.
 Her mouth she openeth with wisdom; 26
 And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
 She watcheth the goings of her household; 27

And the bread of sloth she eateth not.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed ;

Her husband *riseth up* and praiseth her :

29 “ Many daughters have done virtuously,

But thou excellest them all.”

30 Comeliness is deceitful, and beauty is vain :

A woman who feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised.

31 Give to her of the fruit of her hands,

And let her works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES;

OR, THE PREACHER.

- CHAP. I.—The words of the Preacher, the son of David, 1
king in Jerusalem.
- Vanity of vanities—saith the Preacher,— 2
Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.
- What gain hath Man from all his labour 3
Which he endureth under the sun?
- One generation passeth away, and another generation 4
cometh;
- But the earth remaineth for ever.
- The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, 5
And hasteth earnestly to the place where it arose.
- Going to the south, and turning to the north, 6
The wind continually turneth about;
- And according to its circuits the wind returneth.
- All the rivers go to the sea; 7
Yet the sea is not full:
- To the place whence the rivers come,
Thither they return again.
- All things are wearied; 8
Man is not able to tell *it*:
- The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Neither is the ear filled with hearing.
- That which hath been is that which shall be; 9
And that which hath been done is that which shall be
done:

So there is nothing new under the sun.

- 10 Is there a thing of which it may be said, "See, this is new?"

In the ages which were before us it hath been already.

- 11 There is no remembrance of former things,
And also as to things which are to be,
They shall have no remembrance
With those who shall be afterwards.

- 12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem;

- 13 And I applied my heart to search and to explore with wisdom

All that is done under the sun:

This grievous labour God hath given

To the sons of man, to be grieved by it.

- 14 I have seen all the works which are done under the sun;
And lo, all is vanity, and a feeding on wind.

- 15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight;
And that which is wanting cannot be reckoned.

- 16 I spake with my heart, saying,

'Lo, I have greatly increased wisdom

Above every one who has been before me in Jerusalem;'

And my heart hath seen abundantly wisdom and knowledge.

- 17 For I have applied my heart to know wisdom and knowledge,

Madness and folly:

I knew that this also is a feeding on wind.

- 18 For in much wisdom is much vexation;
And he who increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

- 1 CHAP. II.—I said in my heart,

'Come now, I will try thee with joy; and thou shalt see good:'

And lo, this also is vanity.

- 2 I said to Laughter, 'Thou art mad;'

And to Joy, 'What art thou doing?'

- 3 I sought in my heart to indulge my flesh with wine,

(Yet conducting my heart in wisdom;)

And to take hold on folly, till I should see

Where was that good for the sons of man,

Which they might do under the heavens

During all the days of their life.

I made my works great ; 4
 I builded for myself houses ;
 I planted for myself vineyards ;
 I made for myself gardens and orchards, 5
 And I planted in them trees of every kind of fruit.
 I made for myself pools of water, 6
 To water with them the orchard in which trees grew ;
 I bought male and female slaves, 7
 And had *slaves* born in my house ;
 I had also greater possessions of herds and flocks
 Than all who had been before me in Jerusalem.
 I collected for myself also silver and gold, 8
 And the precious treasure of kings and of provinces :
 I procured for myself men-singers and women-singers ;
 And the delight of the sons of man, numerous females.
 So I was great, and increased more than all who had been 9
 before me in Jerusalem.
 My wisdom also remained with me,
 And nothing that my eyes required, kept I from them ; 10
 I withheld not my heart from any joy ;
 For my heart rejoiced in all my labour ;
 And this was my portion of all my labour.
 Then I looked upon all the works which my hands had 11
 wrought,
 And on the labour which I had laboured to do ;
 And, lo, all was vanity, and a feeding on wind,
 And no gain was there under the sun.
 Then I turned myself to see wisdom, and madness, and 12
 folly :
 For what can the man do that shall come after the king ?
 That which hath been already done.
 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, 13
 As light excelleth darkness.
 The wise man's eyes are in his head ; 14
 But the fool walketh in darkness.
 Yet I knew, even I, that one event happeneth to them all.
 Then I said in my heart, 15
 ' As it happeneth to the fool, so to me also, to me it hap-
 peneth ;
 Why then have I been more wise ? '
 So I said in my heart, that this also is vanity.
 For there is no remembrance of the wise man, or of the 16
 fool, for ever ;

As it hath been already, *so* in the days to come, all will
be forgotten.

And how doth the wise man die as the fool !

17 Therefore I hated life ;

For grievous to me was the work which is wrought under
the sun ;

For all is vanity and a feeding on the wind.

18 And I hated all my labour which I had endured under
the sun,

Because I must leave it to a man who shall come after
me.

19 And who knoweth whether he will be a wise man or a
fool ?

Yet he will have power over all the labour in which I have
laboured,

And on which I have done wisely under the sun :

This also is vanity.

20 Then I turned about to cause my heart to despair

Concerning all the labour in which I had laboured under
the sun.

21 For there is a man whose labour is with wisdom,

And with knowledge, and with success ;

Yet to a man who hath not laboured on it,

He leaveth it as his portion :

This also is vanity, and a great evil.

22 For what hath a man of all his labour,

And of the thought of his heart, with which he hath
troubled himself under the sun ?

23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his travail grievous ;

Even in the night his heart resteth not :

This also is vanity.

24 Nothing is better for a man than that he eat and drink,

And cause his mind to see good in his labour.

Even this I saw, that it is from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, and who can enjoy pleasure more than I ?

26 For to a man who is good before Him,

He giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy ;

But to the sinner He giveth grievous travail, to collect and
to gather together,

That he may give to him who is good before God :

This also is vanity and a feeding upon the wind.

1 CHAP. III.—For every thing there is a season,

And a time for every purpose under the heavens :
 A time to be born, and a time to die : 2
 A time to plant, and a time to dig up that which hath
 been planted :
 A time to kill, and a time to heal : 3
 A time to break down, and a time to build :
 A time to weep, and a time to laugh : 4
 A time to bewail, and a time to dance :
 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones : 5
 A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing :
 A time to seek, and a time to lose : 6
 A time to keep, and a time to cast away :
 A time to rend, and a time to sew : 7
 A time to be silent, and a time to speak :
 A time to love, and a time to hate : 8
 A time of war, and a time of peace.
 What gain hath he who worketh 9
 From that on which he laboureth ?
 I have seen the grievous travail which God hath given 10
 To the sons of man to be grieved by it.
 Everything he hath made beautiful in its time ; 11
 He hath also set eternity in their thoughts.
 Yet man is not able to find out the work which God doeth,
 From the beginning even to the end.
 I know that there is no good for them, 12
 But to rejoice and to enjoy good each in his life.
 And also that every man should eat and drink, 13
 And enjoy the good of all his trouble :
 That is the gift of God.
 I know that all which God doeth, 14
 It shall be for ever :
 To it no one can add any thing, and from it no one can
 take any thing away ;
 And God doeth it that men should fear before him.
 What hath been already, is now ; 15
 And that which shall be, hath been already ;
 And God bringeth back that which hath passed before.
 And again, I saw under the sun, 16
 In the place of judgment was wickedness ;
 And in the place of righteousness was iniquity.
 I said in my heart, 17
 'The righteous man and the wicked man God will judge ;
 For there is a time there for every purpose,

And for every work.'

18 I said in my heart concerning the sons of man,
'God *designeth* to declare to them, and to make them see,
That they themselves are brutes.'

19 For that which befalleth the sons of man, befalleth the
brutes;

Even one thing befalleth them *both* :

As the one dieth, so dieth the other,

And all have one breath ;

So that man hath no excellence above the brute :

For all is vanity.

20 All go to one place :

All are from the dust,

And all return to the dust.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of the sons of man, which goeth
upward,

And the spirit of the brute, which goeth downward to the
earth ?

22 Then I saw that nothing is better

Than that a man should rejoice in his own works ;

For what is his portion ;

For who can bring him back to see what shall be after
him ?

1 CHAP. IV.—Then again I saw all the oppressions that
are done under the sun ;

And, lo, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no com-
forter :

For on the side of their oppressors *there was* power ;

But they had no comforter.

2 Therefore I praised the dead who are already dead,

More than the living who are still alive.

3 But better than both these is he who hath not yet been,

Who hath not seen the evil work

Which is done under the sun.

4 I also saw all the labour, and all the success of a work,
That it is the envy which a man hath towards his neigh-

bour :

This also is vanity and a feeding upon wind.

5 The fool foldeth his hands and eateth his own flesh.

6 Better is a handful with quiet,

Than both hands full, with trouble and a feeding on wind.

7 Then again I looked upon a vanity under the sun :

There is one who hath none besides; 8
 He hath indeed neither son nor brother;
 Yet there is no end of all his labour,
 Neither is his eye satisfied with riches.
 Yet for whom do I labour and deprive myself of good?
 This also is vanity, and a grievous labour.
 Two are better than one; 9
 Because they have a good reward of their labour.
 For if they fall, one will raise up his companion; 10
 But alas for him who falleth when there is not another to
 raise him up.
 Also, if two lie together, then they have warmth; 11
 But how can one be warm?
 And if one prevail over him *who is alone*, 12
 The two can stand against him;
 And the threefold cord cannot hastily be broken.

Better is a child poor, but wise, 13
 Than a king old, but foolish,
 Who knoweth not how to be any more admonished.
 For, from a prison-house he may come to reign, 1
 Although indeed in his kingdom he had been born poor.
 I saw all the living walk under the sun, 15
 With the second child, who standeth in his place :
 No end is there of all the people, 16
 Of all of whom he is the leader :
 Yet they who come after will not rejoice in him.
 Surely also this is vanity, and a feeding on wind.

CHAP. V.—Guard thy foot when thou goest into the 1
 house of God;
 And draw near in order to obey,
 Rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools;
 For they know not that they are doing evil.
 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be 2
 hasty
 To utter anything before God;
 For God is in heaven, and thou art upon the earth;
 Therefore let thy words be few.
 For a dream cometh through an abundance of business; 3
 And the voice of a fool, through an abundance of words.
 When thou hast vowed a vow to God, 4
 Delay not to perform it;

For he hath no pleasure in fools.

What thou hast vowed, perform :

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow,
Than that thou shouldest vow and not perform.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin,
And say not before the delegate *of Jehovah*, that it was
an error.

Why should God be angry on account of thy voice,
And destroy the work of thy hands ?

7 For in an abundance of dreams there is much vanity ;
And in the multiplying of words :
But fear thou God.

8 If thou seest in a province the oppression of a poor man,
And the violation of justice and equity,
Wonder not at the matter ;
For a high one above him who is high observeth,
And there is the Highest above them.

9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all :
The king is made to serve the field.

10 He who loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver ;
And he who loveth wealth hath no produce :
This also is vanity.

11 When property is increased, they are increased who consume it ;
And what profit hath its possessor, but to see *it* with his eyes ?

12 Sweet is the sleep of a labouring man,
Whether he eat little or much ;
But the plenty of the rich man will not suffer him to sleep.

13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun ;
Riches kept for their possessor to his hurt.

14 But these riches perish amidst grievous labour ;
And he begetteth a son, and nothing at all is in his hand.

15 As he came forth from his mother's womb,
Naked shall he again go as he came,
And nothing shall he take of his labour, that he may carry in his hand.

16 And this also is a grievous evil,
That, in every respect, as he came so he shall go :
And what gain hath he that he hath laboured for the wind ?

17 That during all his days also he hath eaten in darkness ;
And hath increased vexation, and pain, and anger ?

Lo ! what I have seen to be good and beautiful ; 18
 That *a man* should eat and drink, and see the good
 Of all his labour which he hath taken under the sun,
 According to the number of the days of his life which
 God giveth him ;
 For this is his portion.
 Every man also to whom God giveth riches and wealth, 19
 And to whom he giveth power to eat of them,
 And to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour ;
 This is the gift of God.
 For *then* he will not much remember the days of his life ; 20
 For God answereth by the joy of his heart.

CHAP. VI.—There is an evil which I have seen under the 1
 sun,

And it falleth largely upon man :
 One to whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honour, 2
 So that his soul wanteth nothing of all he can desire,
 Yet God giveth him not power to eat of it ;
 But a stranger eateth it :
 This is vanity and a grievous evil.

If a man beget a hundred *children* and live many years, 3
 And many be the days of his years ;
 But his soul be not satisfied with good,
 And he have no burial ;
 I say, an untimely birth is better than he.
 For, in vanity it cometh, and in darkness it goeth, 4
 And in darkness its name will be covered :
 It hath not either seen or known the sun. 5
 More rest hath this than the other ;
 Even if he had lived twice a thousand years, 6
 Yet had not seen good.
 Are not all going to one place ?

All the trouble of a man is for his mouth, 7
 And yet the appetite is not filled.
 What advantage then hath the wise man more than the 8
 fool ?
 What hath the poor man who knoweth how to walk before
 the living ?
 Better is that which is seen by the eyes than the wander- 9
 ing of the desire :

This also is vanity and a feeding on the wind.

What is he whose name has formerly been celebrated, 10

Yet is known as being *but* a man,
And who is not able to contend with one who is stronger
than he?

11 Since there are things in abundance that multiply vanity,
What *advantage* remaineth to man?

12 For who knoweth what is good for man in life,
During the days of his vain life, which he spendeth as a
shadow?

Who is it that can tell a man what will be after him under
the sun?

1 CHAP. VII.—Better is a *good* name than precious ointment ;

And the day of death, than the day of birth.

2 Better *is it* to go to the house of mourning,

Than to go to the house of feasting ;

Since that is the end of all men,

And the living will lay it to his heart.

3 Better is grief than laughter ;

For, by the sadness of the countenance, the heart is made
better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning ;

But the heart of fools in the house of joy.

5 Better is it to hear the rebuke of a wise man,

Than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the sound of thorns under the cauldron,

So is the laughter of the fool.

This also is vanity.

7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad ;

And a gift corrupteth the heart.

8 Better is the end of a matter than the beginning ;

And better is the patient man, than he who is haughty.

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry ;

For anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not, 'How is it that the former days were better than
these ?'

For thou dost not ask wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance ;

And an advantage to those who see the sun ;

12 For wisdom is a defence ; silver is a defence ;

But more excellent is knowledge.

Wisdom giveth life to those who possess it.

13 See the work of God :

For who can straighten that which he hath made crooked ?
 In the day of prosperity, be joyful ; 14
 And in the day of evil observe *this*,
 That God hath made the one to be joined with the other,
 To the end that man might not find out any thing after
 him.
 All these things have I seen in the days of my vanity ; 15
 Here, a righteous man perishing in his righteousness,
 And there, a wicked man prolonging *life* in his wickedness.
 Be not righteous over much ; 16
 Neither be thou over wise :
 Why shouldest thou destroy thyself ?
 Be not wicked overmuch ; 17
 Neither be thou foolish :
 Why shouldest thou die before thy time ?
 It is good that thou shouldest take hold on this, 18
 And also that from this thou shouldest not withhold thy
 hand ;
 For he who feareth God will come forth from them all.
 Wisdom strengtheneth a wise man, 19
 More than ten rulers who are in a city.
 Since there is no just man in the earth 20
 Who doeth good, and sinneth not ;
 Therefore to all the words which are spoken, attend 21
 not,
 Lest thou hear thy servant speaking lightly of thee.
 For truly, many times, thy heart knoweth, 22
 That thou also hast spoken lightly of others.
 All this have I tried by wisdom : 23
 I said, ‘ I will be wise ;’ but it hath been far from me :
 Far off ; what is it ? 24
 And very deep ; who can find it ?
 I have turned my heart to know, 25
 And to explore, and to search for wisdom and judgment ;
 And to know foolish wickedness, and the great madness of
 folly :
 And I have found what is more bitter than death, 26
 The woman whose heart is snares and nets ; whose hands
 are chains :
 He who is pleasing to God shall be delivered from her ;
 But he who sinneth shall be ensnared by her.
 See, this have I found (saith the Preacher), 27
 Adding one to another, to find out the account,

- 28 Which I am yet searching after, but have not found :
 One man in a thousand I have found,
 29 But a woman among all these I have not found.
 See, only this I have found,
 That God made man upright,
 But they have sought out many devices.
- 1 CHAP. VIII.—Who is like the wise man,
 And who knoweth the interpretation of a matter ?
 The wisdom of a man enlighteneth his countenance,
 And the fierceness of his countenance is changed.
- 2 Observe thou the command of the king,
 And *that* on account of the oath of God.
- 3 Be not in haste to go from his presence :
 Persist not in an evil matter ;
 For all that he desireth he can do :
- 4 Since the word of a king is powerful,
 And who shall say to him, What doest thou ?
- 5 He who keepeth the commandment, knoweth not an evil
 matter ;
 But the heart of a wise man knoweth time and judgment.
- 6 For to every purpose there is time and judgment ;
 Although the evil of man be great upon him.
- 7 For he knoweth not what will be ;
 For how it will be, who can tell him ?
- 8 No man hath power over the spirit, so as to retain the
 spirit ;
 Nor hath any one power in the day of death ;
 Nor is there any discharge in *that* warfare ;
 Neither shall wickedness deliver those who are addicted to
 it.
- 9 All this I have seen,
 And I have applied my heart to every work that is done
 under the sun :
*There is a time during which a man ruleth over man to
 his hurt.*
- 10 So also I have seen the wicked buried, and go *to the
 tomb* :
 And from the holy place they have gone,
 And have been forgotten in the city, who had done rightly.
 This also is vanity.
- 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed
 speedily,

Therefore the heart of the sons of man within them is fully
 set to do evil.
 Although a wicked man sin a hundred times, and prolong 12
 his days,
 Yet I know that it will be well for those who fear God,
For those who fear before him :
 But it will not be well for the wicked man, 13
 Neither will he prolong his days : as a shadow *will they be*,
 Because he doth not fear before God.
 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth ; 14
 For there are righteous men to whom it happeneth accord-
 ing to the deed of the wicked ;
 And there are wicked men to whom it happeneth according
 to the deed of the righteous.
 I said that this also is vanity.
 Then I praised joy : 15
 For man has no good under the sun,
 But to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful ;
 For that shall abide with him in the labour of the days
 of his life,
 Which God granteth to him under the sun.
 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, 16
 And to see the painful business which is done under the
 sun ;
 For truly by day and by night he seeth not sleep with his
 eyes ;
 Then I saw all the work of God, 17
 That a man cannot find out the work that is done under
 the sun :
 However a man trouble himself to search,
 Yet he cannot find *it* :
 Even though a wise man may say that he knoweth *it*,
 Yet he cannot find *it*.

CHAP. IX.—For all this I have considered, 1
 Even that I might make all this clear ;
 That the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in
 the hand of God ;
 Whether love, whether hatred, no man knoweth :
 All are before them.
 All *things* are alike to all : 2
There is one event to the righteous man and to the wicked
 man ;

- To the good, and to the pure, and to the impure *man* ;
 To him who sacrificeth, and to him who sacrificeth not :
 As is the good *man*, so is the sinner ;
 He who sweareth, is as he who revereth an oath.
 3 This evil is in every thing that is done under the sun,
 That *there* is one event to all ;
 And therefore the heart of the sons of men is full of evil,
 And madness is in their heart during their life ;
 And, after that, they go to the dead.
 4 But who would be joined *to them* ?
 To all the living there is hope :
 For a living dog is better than a dead lion.
 5 For the living know that they must die ;
 But the dead know nothing whatever,
 And they have no longer a reward ;
 For their memory is forgotten.
 6 Their love also and their hatred, and their envy, hath
 now perished,
 And they have no longer any portion for ever
 In all that is done under the sun.
 7 Go, eat thy bread with joy,
 And drink thy wine with a merry heart ;
 For God now hath pleasure in thy works.
 8 At all times let thy garments be white ;
 And let not oil upon thy head be wanting.
 9 Enjoy life with the wife whom thou lovest,
 All the days of the life of thy vanity,
 Which He hath given to thee under the sun,
 All the days of thy vanity :
 For this is thy portion in life,
 And in thy labour which thou endurest under the sun.
 10 All that thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might ;
 For there is no work, nor design, nor knowledge, nor
 wisdom,
 In the grave whither thou art going.
 11 Again, I saw under the sun,
 That the race is not to the swift,
 Nor the battle to the mighty,
 Nor yet bread to the wise,
 Nor yet riches to men of understanding,
 Nor yet favour to men of skill ;
 For time and chance happeneth to them all.
 12 For truly man knoweth not his time.

As fishes that are taken in an evil net,
 And as birds that are taken in a snare,
 Like these the sons of man are ensnared in an evil time,
 When it falleth upon them suddenly.

This also I have seen, 13
 Wisdom under the sun, and it was great to me.
There was a little city, and the men in it were few; 14
 And a great king came against it, and besieged it,
 And he built up great towers against it.
 And there was found in it a poor wise man, 15
 And he delivered the city by his wisdom;
 Yet men remembered not that poor man.
 Then I said, Wisdom is better than might; 16
 Though the wisdom of a poor man is despised,
 And his words are not heard.
 The words of the wise in quietness are heard, 17
 More than the clamour of him who ruleth among fools.
 Wisdom is better than weapons of contention;
 But one who erreth destroyeth much good.

CHAP. X.—Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer
 to send forth a stinking savour:

So doth a little folly him who is in reputation for wisdom
 and honour.

The heart of a wise man is in his right hand; 2
 But the heart of a fool is in his left hand.
 Moreover, when he who is a fool walketh in the way, his 3
 understanding is deficient,
 And he telleth every one that he is a fool.

If the spirit of him who ruleth rise up against thee, 4
 Leave not thy place;

For yielding quieteth great offences.
 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, 5
 An error which proceedeth from the ruler;
 The fool is placed in great exaltation, 6
 While rich men sit in a low condition.

I have seen servants upon horses, 7
 While princes were walking like servants upon the ground.

He who diggeth a pit shall fall into it; 8
 And him who breaketh down a fence, a serpent shall bite.
 He who removeth stones shall be hurt by them; 9
 And he who cleaveth trees shall be endangered by them.
 If the iron be blunt, and he sharpen not the edge, 10

Then he must use much more strength :
But wisdom is profitable to direct.

11 If the serpent have bitten, from there being no enchantment,

Then no advantage will the enchantment have.

12 The words of the mouth of a wise man are graceful ;
But the lips of a fool destroy him.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is great folly,
And the end of *the words* of his mouth is mischievous
madness :

14 The fool also multiplieth words.

A man knoweth not what will be ;

And what will be after him, who can tell him ?

15 The labour of a foolish man wearieth him,

Like one who knoweth not how to go to a city.

16 Alas for thee, O land, whose king is a youth,

And whose princes eat in the morning !

17 Happy thou, O land, whose king is the son of nobles,

And whose princes eat at the proper time,

For strength and not for feasting !

18 Through great indolence the building decayeth,

And through the hanging down of the hands, the house
drippeth.

19 For laughter men make a feast,

And wine rejoiceth the life,

And money supplieth all things.

20 Even in thy thought curse not the king ;

And in thine inner bed-chamber curse not a rich man ;

For a bird of the heavens will convey the voice,

And that which hath wings will relate the matter.

1 CHAP. XI.—Cast thy bread upon the waters ;

For after many days thou shalt find it again.

2 Give a portion to seven, and even to eight ;

For thou knowest not what evil will be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon
the earth ;

And if the tree fall towards the south, or towards the north,
In the place where the tree falleth, there it will be.

4 He who observeth the wind will not sow ;

And he who regardeth the clouds will not reap.

5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the wind ;

How the bones are in the womb of her that is with child ;

So thou knowest not the works of God,
 Who maketh all things.
 In the morning sow thy seed, 6
 And in the evening withhold not thy hand :
 For thou knowest not which will prosper, either this or
 that,
 Or whether both will be alike good. .
 Truly the light is sweet, 7
 And to see the sun, pleasant to the eyes :
 If a man live many years, in all of them let him rejoice ; 8
 But let him remember the days of darkness,
 For they will be many.
 All that cometh will be vanity.
 Rejoice, O young man, in thy childhood, 9
 And let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth,
 And walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of
 thine eyes ;
 But know, concerning all these things
 God will bring thee into judgment.
 Remove therefore vexation from thy heart, 10
 And put away evil from thy flesh ;
 For childhood and the dawn are vanity.

CHAP. XII.—But remember thy Creator in the days of
 thy youth,

While the days of evil come not,
 Nor the years arrive in which thou wilt say,
 ‘I have no pleasure in them.’
 (While the sun is not darkened, 2
 Nor the light, nor the moon, nor the stars ;
 Nor the clouds return after the rain :)
 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, 3
 And the strong men bow themselves,
 And the grinders cease because they are few,
 And they who look from the windows are darkened,
 And the doors in the street are shut, 4
 When the sound of the grinding is low ;
 And he riseth at the voice of the bird,
 And all the daughters of song are brought low :
When also they are afraid of what is high, 5
 And terrors are in the way ;
 And the almond-tree flourisheth,
 And the locust becometh a burden,

- And desire is vain ;
 For man goeth to his long home,
 And the mourners go about the streets :
 6 While the silver cord is not removed,
 And the golden bowl broken,
 Or the pitcher broken in pieces at the fountain,
 Or the wheel broken at the well ;
 7 And the dust returneth to the earth as it was,
 And the spirit returneth to God who gave it.
 8 Vanity of vanities,—saith the Preacher,—
 All is vanity.
 9 Now as the Preacher was the more wise,
 The more he taught the people knowledge ;
 And he weighed, and searched, and set in order many
 proverbs.
 10 The Preacher sought to find desirable words ;
 And what hath been written is right, words of truth ;
 11 Words of the wise, *which are* as goads,
 And as nails made fast.
Words of masters of collections,
Which are given by one shepherd to another.
 12 And as to more than these, my son, be admonished :
 To the making of many books there is no end ;
 And much meditation is a wearying of the body.
- 13 Let us hear the sum of the whole matter :
 Fear God and keep his commandments ;
 For this is *the duty* of all men.
 14 For, every deed God will bring into judgment,
 With every secret thing, whether good, or evil.

SOLOMON'S SONG.

CHAP. I.—The song of songs, which is Solomon's. 1

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth ! 2

For thy love is better than wine.

Like the fragrance of thine own perfumes, 3

Thy name is perfume poured out ;

Therefore the virgins love thee.

Draw me ; we will run after thee. 4

Let the king bring me into his inner chambers :

We will exult and rejoice in thee ;

We will celebrate thy love more than wine :

Sincerely do they love thee.

Black I am, but beautiful, ye daughters of Jerusalem, 5

As the tents of Kedar,

As the tent-curtains of Solomon.

Gaze not upon me because I am black, 6

Because the sun hath looked upon me.

The sons of my mother were angry with me ;

They made me the keeper of the vineyards ;

The vineyard that is mine own I have not kept.

Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, 7

Where thou feedest *thy flock*, and where thou makest it to
lie down at noon :

For why should I be as one wandering

Among the flocks of thy companions ?

If thou know not, fairest of women, 8

Go forth in the footsteps of the flock,

And feed thy kids near the tents of the shepherds.

To steeds in the chariots of Pharaoh 9

I compare thee, my love.

- 10 Beautiful are thy cheeks with rows *of jewels*,
 Thy neck with strings *of pearls*.
 11 Strings of gold we will make for thee,
 With studs of silver.
 12 While the king is at his banquet,
 My spikenard giveth out its fragrance.
 13 A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me,
Which lieth all night between my breasts.
 14 A cluster of cyprus is my beloved to me
 From the vineyards of En-geddi.
 15 Lo, thou art fair, my love ;
 Lo, thou art fair ; thine eyes are *the eyes of* doves.
 16 Lo, thou art fair, my beloved, and pleasing,
 And our couch is green :
 17 The beams of our house are cedars,
 Our roof is of firs.

- 1 CHAP. II.—I am a narcissus of Sharon ;
 A lily of the valleys.
 2 As the lily among thorns,
 So is my love among damsels.
 3 As the citron tree among the trees of the forest,
 So is my beloved among youths.
 In his shade I delighted, and sat down,
 And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
 4 Let him bring me into the banqueting house,
 And let his banner over me be love.
 5 Support me with dried grapes ;
 Comfort me with citrons ;
 For I am sick with love.
 6 Let his left hand be under my head,
 And his right hand embrace me.
 7 I adjure you, ye daughters of Jerusalem,
 By the antelopes and the hinds of the field,
 That ye disturb not, nor awaken my love,
 Until she please.

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- 8 The voice of my beloved !
 Lo, he cometh,
 Bounding upon the mountains,
 Leaping upon the hills.
 9 My beloved is like an antelope
 Or a young hart.

Lo ! he standeth near our wall,
 Looking through the window,
 Shewing himself at the lattice.
 My beloved spake, and said to me, 10
 " Arise, my love, my fair one,
 And come away.
 For lo ! the winter is past, 11
 The rain is over, and gone ;
 The flowers appear on the ground ; 12
 The time of singing is come,
 And the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land.
 The fig-tree ripeneth its green figs, 13
 And the vines *with* their flowers send forth fragrance.
 Arise, my love, my fair one,
 And come away.
 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, 14
 In the secret places of the steep *rock*,
 Show me thy countenance ;
 Let me hear thy voice ;
 For thy voice is sweet,
 And thy countenance beautiful."
 Take for us the jackals, 15
 The little jackals
 That spoil the vines,
 When our vines are in flower.
 My beloved is mine, and I am his : 16
 He feedeth *his* flock among the lilies,
 Until the day grows cool and the shadows flee away. 17
 Turn ; be like an antelope, my beloved ;
 Or a young hart
 Upon the mountains of Bether.

CHAP. III.—On my bed, in the night, 1
 I sought him whom my soul loveth :
 I sought him, but I found him not.
 I will rise and will go about the city ; 2
 In the streets and in the broad places,
 I will seek him whom my soul loveth :
 I sought him, but I found him not.
 The watchmen who go about the city found me : 3
 ' Have ye seen him whom my soul loveth ?'
 I had passed on but a little way from them, 4

When I found him whom my soul loveth :
 I held him, and would not let him go,
 Until I had brought him to the house of my mother,
 And into the chamber of her who had conceived me.

5 I adjure you, ye daughters of Jerusalem,
 By the antelopes and the hinds of the field,
 That ye disturb not, nor awaken my love
 Until she please.

6 Who is this coming up from the wilderness,
 Like a column of smoke,
 Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
 With every powder of the merchant ?

7 Lo, the bed of Solomon !
 Sixty mighty men are about it,
 Of the mighty men of Israel ;

8 All of them bearing swords,
 Expert in battle ;
 Each having his sword on his thigh,
 Because of the terror by night.

9 King Solomon hath made for himself
 Of the trees of Lebanon a bridal bed.

10 Its pillars he hath made of silver,
 Its frame of gold,

Its covering of purple ;
 The middle of it is spread
 By the love of the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth and see King Solomon, ye daughters of Zion,
 With the crown with which his mother crowned him
 On the day of his nuptials,
 On the day of the joy of his heart.

1 CHAP. IV.—Lo, thou art fair, my love ; lo, thou art
 fair ;

Thine eyes are *the eyes of* doves, from within thy veil.
 Thy hair is like a flock of goats,
 That couch on mount Gilead.

2 Thy teeth are like the shorn flock,
 That are coming up from the washing ;
 All of which bear twins,
 And none is without its fellow among them.

3 Like a thread of scarlet are thy lips,
 And thy speech is pleasant :

Thy cheeks like a divided pomegranate, From within thy veil.	
Thy neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armoury, On which a thousand shields are hanging, All shields of the mighty.	4
Thy two breasts are like two young fawns, Twins of the antelope, Which feed among the lilies, Until the day grows cool, and the shadows flee away.	5
I will go away to the mountains of myrrh, And to the hills of frankincense.	6
Thou art altogether fair, my love ; No spot is in thee.	7
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With me <i>thou lookedst</i> from Lebanon, my spouse, With me from Lebanon :	8
Thou lookedst from the top of Amana, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the dens of lions, From the mountains of leopards.	
Thou hast captivated my heart, my sister, my spouse ; Thou hast captivated my heart by one of thine eyes, By one chain of thy neck.	9
How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse ! How much better thy love than wine ! And the fragrance of thy perfumes than of all spices!	10
Thy lips, my spouse, drop as the honey-comb ; Honey and milk are under thy tongue, And the fragrance of thy garments is as the fragrance of Lebanon.	11
There is a garden enclosed, my sister, my spouse ; A spring enclosed, a fountain sealed.	12
Thy plants are a paradise of pomegranates, With precious fruits ; With cyprus, with spikenard ; Spikenard and saffron ; sweet cane and cinnamon,	13
With all trees of frankincense ; Myrrh and lign-aloes, With all the chief spices :	14
A garden-fountain, a well of living waters, And streams from Lebanon.	15
Rise, O north wind, and come, thou south ;	16

Blow upon my garden, that its perfumes may flow forth.
 Let my beloved come into his garden,
 And eat its precious fruits.

1 CHAP. V.—I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse :

I gather my myrrh with my spices ;
 I eat my honey-comb, with my honey ;
 I drink my wine with my milk.
 Eat, my friends ;
 Drink ye, and drink freely, my beloved.

2 I was sleeping, but my heart was wakeful :

The voice of my beloved, knocking !

“Open to me, my sister, my love,

My dove, my undefiled ;

For my head is filled with dew,

My locks with the drops of the night.”

3 “I have put off my vest, how can I clothe myself ?

I have washed my feet, how can I defile them ?”

4 My beloved put his hand through the opening,

And my bowels were moved for him.

5 I arose to open to my beloved ;

And my hands dropped myrrh,

And my fingers liquid myrrh,

Upon the handles of the bolt.

6 I opened to my beloved ;

But my beloved had withdrawn himself, he was gone :

My spirit failed at his speech ;

I sought him, but I could not find him ;

I called him, but he did not answer me.

7 The watchmen who go about the city found me,

They smote me, they wounded me ;

They who guard the walls took my veil from off me.

8 “I adjure you, ye daughters of Jerusalem,

If ye find my beloved,

What shall ye tell him ?

That I am sick with love.”

9 “What is thy beloved more than *any other* beloved,

Fairest of women ?

What is thy beloved more than *any other* beloved,

That thou dost thus adjure us ?”

10 “My beloved is white and ruddy,

The chief among ten thousand.
 His head, the purest gold ; 11
 His locks are curled, black as the raven :
 His eyes like doves by the rivers of water, 12
 Washed with milk, *and* fully set :
 His cheeks like beds of spices ; 13
 Shrubberies of sweet smelling plants :
 His lips *like* lilies,
 Dropping liquid myrrh :
 His hands *like* rings of gold, 14
 Thickly set with beryls ;
 His body wrought ivory,
 Inlaid with sapphires :
 His legs *like* pillars of marble, 15
 Fixed on bases of pure gold :
 His appearance is as Lebanon ;
 Majestic as cedars :
 His mouth is most sweet, 16
 And he is altogether most lovely.
 This is my beloved, and this my friend,
 O daughters of Jerusalem."

CHAP. VI.—"Whither went thy beloved, fairest of 1
 women ?

Whither turned thy beloved,
 That we may seek him with thee ?"
 "My beloved is gone down to his garden, 2
 To the beds of spices,
 To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine ; 3
 He feedeth among the lilies."

Thou art fair, my love, as Tirzah ; 4
 Pleasant as Jerusalem ;
 Terrible as bannered *hosts*.
 Turn away thine eyes from me ; 5
 For they overpower me.
 Thy hair is like a flock of goats
 That couch on Mount Gilead.
 Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep 6
 That are coming up from the washing,
 All of which bear twins,
 And none among them is without its fellow.

- 7 Thy cheeks are like a divided pomegranate
From within thy veil.
- 8 There are sixty queens,
And eighty concubines,
And virgins without number.
- 9 The only one is my dove, my undefiled,
The only one of her mother,
The choice one is she of her who bare her :
The daughters see her and call her happy ;
The queens and the concubines, and praise her, *saying*,
- 10 " Who is this that looketh forth as the dawn,
Fair as the moon, clear as the mid-day sun,
Terrible as bannered *hosts* ? "

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- 11 To the garden of nuts I went down,
To see the swelling fruits of the valley,
To see whether the vine was budding,
Whether the pomegranates were in flower.
- 12 I knew not—my spirit troubled me,
On account of the chariots of the nobles of my people.
- 13 " Return, return, O Shulamite ;
Return, return, that we may look upon thee."
" Why would ye look upon the Shulamite,
As upon the dance of two companies ? "

- 1 CHAP. VII.—" How beautiful are thy steps in sandals,
O daughter of a prince !
The moulding of thy thighs like jewellery,
The work of the hands of the artificer.
- 2 Thy waist is a round goblet
Which wanteth not mingled wine ;
Thy belly is a heap of wheat
Set round with lilies :
- 3 Thy two breasts are like two fawns,
Twins of the antelope :
- 4 Thy neck is like a tower of ivory ;
Thine eyes *like* fish-pools in Heshbon,
By the gate of Bath-rabbim ;
Thy nose is like the tower of Lebanon,
Looking towards Damascus :
- 5 Thy head upon thee like Carmel,
And the locks of thy head like the purple *robe* of a king,
Bound in folds.

How beautiful and how pleasant 6
 Is *my* love in delights !
 This thy stature is like the palm-tree, 7
 And thy breasts *like* clusters of *dates*.
 I said, I will ascend the palm-tree, 8
 I will take hold of its boughs ;
 Now then let thy breasts be as clusters of the vine,
 And the odour of thy nose like *that of* citrons ;
 And thy mouth like excellent wine 9
 Which goeth deliciously, smoothly,
 Gliding through the lips and the teeth."
 "I am my beloved's and to me is his desire." 10
 Come, my beloved, let us go into the field ; 11
 Let us lodge in the villages.
 Let us go early to the vineyards ; 12
 Let us see whether the vine be budding,
Whether it hath opened *its* flowers,
 And the pomegranates be flowering :
 There I will give thee my love.
 The mandrakes send forth an odour, 13
 And near our door *are* all precious *fruits*,
 New and old,
Which I have laid up for thee, my beloved !

CHAP. VIII.—Oh that thou wert as my brother, 1
 That sucked the breasts of my mother !
 If I found thee without, I might kiss thee ;
 Yet should I not be despised.
 I would lead thee, I would bring thee to the house of my 2
 mother,
 Who would teach me to give thee to drink spiced wine,
 Of the juice of pomegranates.
 Let his left hand be under my head, 3
 And his right hand embrace me !
 I adjure you, ye daughters of Jerusalem, 4
 That ye disturb not, nor awaken my love,
 Until she please.

Who is this coming up from the wilderness, 5
 Leaning upon her beloved ?
 Under the citron-tree I stirred thee up *to love* ;
 There thy mother pledged thee ;
 There she pledged *thee* who bare thee.

- 6 Place me as a signet upon thy breast,
As a signet upon thine arm :
For love is as strong as death ; jealousy is inflexible as the
grave :
Its brands are brands of fire,
The flame of Jehovah.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can streams overwhelm it :
If a man would give all the substance of his house for love,
It would be utterly despised.
- 8 We have a young sister,
And she hath no breasts :
What shall we do for our sister,
In the day when they shall speak of her ?
- 9 If she be a wall, we will build upon her a tower of silver ;
And if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of
cedar.
- 10 I am a wall, and my breasts are like towers :
So I have been in his eyes as one who hath found favour.
- 11 Solomon hath a vineyard in Baal-Hamon ;
He hath let out the vineyard to keepers :
Each is to bring for the fruit of it a thousand pieces of
silver ;
- 12 (My vineyard, which I have, is before me !)
A thousand *pieces of silver* for thee, Solomon,
And two hundred for those who keep its fruit.
- 13 O thou who dwellest in gardens,
The companions hearken to thy voice :
Cause me to hear *it*.
- 14 Flee my beloved, and be like an antelope,
Or a fawn of the deer,
Upon the mountains of *sweet* odours.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

CHAP. I.—The prophetic visions of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, 2
For Jehovah speaketh !
I have nourished and brought up children,
And they have rebelled against me.
The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib ; 3
Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.
Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, 4
A seed of evildoers, children that act corruptly :
They have forsaken Jehovah,
They have despised the Holy One of Israel,
They have gone away backward.

On what part will ye be stricken any more, 5
That ye again revolt ?
The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint ;
From the sole of the foot, even unto the head, 6
There is no soundness in it ;
But wounds, and stripes, and fresh bruises ;
They have not been closed, neither bound up,
Neither softened with ointment.
Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire ; 7
Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,
And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

- 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard,
As a hut in a cucumber-field, as a besieged city.
- 9 Unless Jehovah of hosts had left unto us a very small
remnant,
We should have been as Sodom,
We should have been like unto Gomorrah.
- 10 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye rulers of Sodom ;
Give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
- 11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me ?
saith Jehovah :
I am sated with the burnt-offerings of rams,
And the fat of fed beasts ;
And I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or
of he goats.
- 12 When ye come to appear before me,
Who hath required this at your hand, to profane my courts ?
- 13 Bring no more vain oblations ;
Incense is an abomination unto me,
New moons and sabbaths and the calling of assemblies :
I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn meeting.
- 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth ;
They are a burden unto me, I am weary to bear *them*.
- 15 And when ye spread forth your hands,
I will hide mine eyes from you ;
Yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear :
Your hands are full of blood.
- 16 Wash you, make you clean ;
Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes :
- 17 Cease to do evil, learn to do well ;
Seek justice ; right the oppressed ;
Defend the fatherless ; plead for the widow.
- 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah :
Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow ;
Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19 If ye be willing and obedient,
Ye shall eat the good of the land ;
- 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be eaten by the sword :
For the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.
- 21 How is the faithful city become a harlot !
It was full of justice ; righteousness lodged in it ;

But now, murderers.

Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water ; 22
 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves : 23
 Every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards ;
 They defend not the fatherless,
 Neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

Therefore saith the Lord, 24
 Jehovah of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel,
 Ah, I will avenge me of mine adversaries,
 And take vengeance on mine enemies ;
 And I will turn my hand against thee, 25
 And purely purge away thy dross,
 And take away all thine alloy.
 And I will restore thy judges, as at the first, 26
 And thy counsellors, as at the beginning :
 Afterward thou shalt be called,
 The city of righteousness, a faithful city.
 Zion shall be redeemed by justice, 27
 And her converts by righteousness.
 But transgressors and sinners shall be destroyed together, 28
 And they that forsake Jehovah shall be consumed.
 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth-groves wherein 29
 ye have delighted,
 And ye shall blush for the gardens which ye have chosen :
 For ye shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fadeth, 30
 And as a garden that hath no water.
 And the strong man shall be as tow, 31
 And his work as a spark,
 And they shall both burn together,
 And none shall quench *them*.

CHAP. II.—The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz 1
 saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

And it shall come to pass in the latter days, 2
 That the mountain of the house of Jehovah
 Shall be established above the mountains,
 And shall be higher than the hills ;
 And all nations shall flow unto it.
 And many peoples shall come and say, 3
 Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah,
 To the house of the God of Jacob ;

- And he will teach us his ways,
 And we will walk in his paths :
 For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
 And the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.
- 4 And he shall judge among the nations,
 And decide for many peoples :
 And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
 And their spears into pruning-hooks ;
 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 Neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come ye,
 And let us walk in the light of Jehovah.
- 6 For thou, *O Jehovah*, hast forsaken thy people,
 The house of Jacob,
 Because they are filled from the east,
 And are soothsayers like the Philistines,
 And join hands with the children of strangers.
- 7 Their land also is full of silver and gold,
 Neither *is there any* end of their treasures ;
 Their land also is full of horses,
 Neither *is there any* end of their chariots :
- 8 Their land also is full of idols ;
 They worship the work of their own hands,
 That which their own fingers have made.
- 9 Therefore shall the mean man bow down,
 And the great man be humbled ;
 And thou shalt not forgive them.
- 10 Enter into the rocks, and hide thee in the dust,
 Before the terror of Jehovah,
 And from the glory of his majesty.
- 11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,
 And the haughtiness of men shall bow down,
 And Jehovah alone shall be exalted in that day.
- 12 For Jehovah of hosts *shall have a day of judgment*,
 Upon every thing proud and haughty,
 And upon every thing lifted up, and it shall be humbled ;
- 13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, high and lifted up,
 And upon all the oaks of Bashan,
- 14 And upon all the high mountains,
 And upon all the hills that are lifted up,

And upon every lofty tower, 15
 And upon every fortified wall,
 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, 16
 And upon all objects of desire.
 And the loftiness of man shall bow down, 17
 And the haughtiness of men shall be humbled ;
 And Jehovah alone shall be exalted in that day :
 And the idols shall utterly pass away. 18

And men shall go into the holes of the rocks, 19
 And into the caves of the earth,
 Before the terror of Jehovah,
 And from the glory of his majesty,
 When he ariseth to terrify the earth.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, 20
 And his idols of gold,
 Which they made *each* for himself to worship,
 To the moles and to the bats ;
 To go into the clefts of the rocks, 21
 And into the fissures of the cliffs,
 Before the terror of Jehovah,
 And from the glory of his majesty,
 When he ariseth to terrify the earth.

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils : 22
 For wherein is he to be accounted of ?

CHAP. III.—For, behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, 1
 Doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah
 Every kind of support,
 All support of bread, and all support of water,
 The mighty man, and the man of war, 2
 The judge, and the prophet, and the diviner,
 The elder, and the captain of fifty, 3
 And the honourable man, and the counsellor,
 The cunning artificer, and the expert enchanter.
 And I will give youths *to be* their princes, 4
 And infants shall rule over them.
 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, 5
 And every one by his neighbour :
 The youth shall behave himself proudly towards the elder,
 And the ignoble towards the honourable.

When a man shall take hold of his brother, 6

- In the house of his father, *saying*,
 Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler,
 And *let* this ruin *be* under thy hand :
- 7 In that day shal he raise *his voice*, saying,
 I will not be a healer ;
 For in my house there is neither bread nor clothing :
 Make me not a ruler of the people.
- 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah falleth :
 Because their tongue and their doings are against Jehovah,
 So as to provoke the eyes of his glory.
- 9 The look of their countenances doth witness against them ;
 And they declare their sin like Sodom, they hide it not.
 Woe unto their soul ! for they bring evil upon themselves.
- 10 Say ye of the righteous, that *it shall be well with him* :
 For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
- 11 Woe unto the wicked ! *it shall be ill with him* :
 For the reward of his hands shall be given him.
- 12 *As for* my people, children are their oppressors,
 And women rule over them.
 O my people, they who guide thee lead thee astray,
 And destroy the way of thy paths.
- 13 Jehovah standeth up to plead,
 And standeth to judge the tribes ;
- 14 Jehovah will enter into judgment
 With the elders of his people, and the rulers thereof, *saying*,
 So ye then have eaten up the vineyard ;
 The spoil of the poor is in your houses ;
- 15 What mean ye *that* ye crush my people,
 And grind the faces of the poor ?
 Saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
- 16 Moreover Jehovah saith,
 Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
 And walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes,
 Mincing their steps *as* they go,
 And making a tinkling with their ankle-rings :
- 17 Therefore the Lord will make bald
 The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion ;
 And Jehovah will expose their nakedness.
- 18 In that day the Lord will take away
 The adornment of their ankle-rings,
 And head-dresses, and neck-crescents,
- 19 The ear-pendants, and the bracelets, and the veils,

The tiaras, and the ankle-chains, and the belts, 20
 And the scent-boxes, and the amulets, 21
 The rings, and the nose-jewels,
 The robes, and the mantles, 22
 And the cloaks, and the purses,
 The mirrors, and the fine linen, 23
 And the turbans, and the shawls.
 And it shall come to pass, 24
 That instead of perfume, there shall be rottenness;
 And instead of a girdle, a rope;
 And instead of well-dressed hair, baldness;
 And instead of a festive garment, a wrapping of sackcloth;
 A branded mark, instead of beauty.
 Thy men shall fall by the sword, 25
 And thy might in the battle.
 And her gates shall sigh and mourn; 26
 And she shall sit desolate upon the ground.

CHAP. IV.—And in that day, 1
 Seven women shall take hold of one man, saying,
 We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel:
 Only let us be called by thy name,
 To take away our reproach.
 In that day, 2
 The branch of Jehovah shall be beautiful and glorious,
 And the fruit of the land excellent and comely,
 For them that are escaped of Israel.
 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, 3
 And he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,
Even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem.
 When the Lord hath washed away 4
 The filth of the daughters of Zion,
 And purged the blood-guiltiness of Jerusalem
 From the midst thereof,
 By a spirit of judgment, and by a spirit of destruction,
 Then will Jehovah create upon every dwelling-place of 5
 mount Zion,
 And upon her assemblies,
 A cloud and smoke by day,
 And the shining of a flaming fire by night:
 For over all *her* glory protection shall be thrown.
 And there shall be a tabernacle, 6

For shade by day from the heat ;
 And for a place of refuge,
 And for a covert from storm and from rain.

- 1 CHAP. V.—Now will I sing to my beloved,
 A song of my beloved touching his vineyard :
 My beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill ;
- 2 And he digged it, and cleared it of stones,
 And planted it with the choicest vine ;
 He built a tower in the midst of it,
 And also hewed out a winepress therein ;
 And he looked that it should bring forth grapes,
 But it brought forth sour grapes.
- 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah,
 Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard :
- 4 What could have been done more for my vineyard,
 That I have not done in it ?
 Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes,
 Did it bring forth sour grapes ?
- 5 And now let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard :
 I will take away its hedge, that it may be eaten up ;
I will overthrow its wall, that it may be trodden down ;
- 6 And I will lay it waste.
 It shall not be pruned, nor weeded ;
 But shall grow up into briers and thorns :
 I will also give charge to the clouds,
 That they rain no rain upon it.
- 7 For the vineyard of Jehovah of hosts is the house of Israel,
 And the men of Judah the plant of his delight ;
 And he looked for justice, but behold bloodshed,
 For righteousness, but behold a cry !
- 8 Woe unto them that add house to house,
 That join field to field, till *there be* no place,
 And ye dwell alone in the midst of the land !
- 9 In mine ears *hath* Jehovah of hosts *declared*,
 Of a truth many houses shall be desolate,
 Great and goodly *houses* without inhabitant ;
- 10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield *only* one bath,
 And a homer of seed shall yield an ephah.
- 11 Woe unto them that rise early in the morning
 To follow strong drink,
 Continuing late in the night, *till* wine inflame them !

And the harp, and the viol, 12
 The tabret, and the flute, and wine, are in their feasts ;
 But they regard not the deed of Jehovah,
 Neither see the work of his hands.

Therefore my people goeth into captivity, 13
 For want of knowledge ;
 And their honourable men are famished,
 And their multitude parched with thirst :
 Therefore doth the grave enlarge herself, 14
 And open her mouth without measure ;
 And their glory, and their multitude,
 And their tumult, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
 Then shall every man be brought low, and humbled, 15
 And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled :
 But Jehovah of hosts shall be exalted by judgment, 16
 And the holy God shall shew himself holy by righteousness.
 Then shall sheep feed as in their own pasture, 17
 And the deserted places of the rich, strangers shall devour.

Woe unto them that draw down punishment 18
 With cords of wickedness,
 And the penalty of sin, as it were with cart ropes !
 That say, Let him make speed, 19
 Let him hasten his work, that we may see *it*,
 And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh,
 And come, that we may know *it* !

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil ! 20
 That put darkness for light, and light for darkness ;
 That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter !

Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, 21
 And prudent in their own sight ! .

Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, 22
 And men of strength to mingle strong drink !
 Who absolve the guilty for reward, 23
 And take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !

Therefore as a tongue of fire devoureth stubble, 24
 And as grass in the flame vanisheth away,
 So shall their root be like rottenness,
 And their blossom shall ascend like dust ;
 Because they have rejected the law of Jehovah of hosts,
 And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
 Therefore is the anger of Jehovah kindled against his people, 25
 And he shall stretch forth his hand against them,
 And smite them ;

And the mountains shall tremble,
And their corpses shall be as dirt in the midst of the streets.

For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out still.

- 26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations afar,
And will call to them from the end of the earth,
And, behold, with speed, swiftly, shall they come!
27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them;
None shall slumber nor sleep;
Neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed,
Nor the latchet of their sandals broken :
28 Whose arrows are sharpened, and all their bows bent,
Their horses' hoofs are accounted like flint,
And their chariot wheels like the whirlwind.
29 Their roaring is like that of the lioness,
They shall roar like young lions ;
Yea, they shall rage, and seize the prey,
And shall carry it off, and none shall deliver it.
30 They shall rage over it, in that day,
Like the raging of the sea :
And if one looketh upon the land,
Behold, darkness of distress,
And the light is darkened in its clouds.

- 1 CHAP. VI.—In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said,

Holy ! holy ! holy ! is Jehovah of hosts ;
The whole earth is full of his glory.

- 4 And the foundations of the thresholds were shaken at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
5 Then I said, Woe is me ! for I am undone ; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips ; for mine eyes have seen the King, Jehovah
6 of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, *having* a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs

from off the altar : and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, 7
Lo, this hath touched thy lips ; and thine iniquity is taken
away, and thy sin forgiven.

And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I 8
send, and who will go for us ? Then I said, Here am I ;
send me. And he said, 9

Go, and tell this people,
Hear ye indeed, but understand not ;
And see ye indeed, but perceive not :
Make the heart of this people fat, 10
And make their ears dull, and blind their eyes ;
Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart, and return, and be healed.

Then I said, Lord, how long ? And he answered, 11
Until the cities be laid waste, and without inhabitant,
And the houses without man,
And the land be utterly desolate ;
And *until* Jehovah have removed men far away, 12
And *there be* a great desolation in the midst of the land.
And *if there be* still in it a tenth, it shall again be destroyed : 13
But, like a terebinth, and an oak,
Of which a trunk *remains*, when they are cut down,
So a holy seed *shall be* its trunk.

CHAP. VII.—And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz 1
the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that
Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah,
king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to make war against it,
but could not prevail against it. And it was told the house 2
of David, saying, Syria is encamped upon Ephraim. And
his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees
of the forest are moved with the wind.

Then said Jehovah unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet 3
Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub, thy son, to the end of the
conduit of the upper pool to the highway of the fuller's
field ; and say unto him,

Take heed, and be quiet, 4
Fear not, neither be faint-hearted,
On account of the two tails of these smoking firebrands,
For the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria,
And the son of Remaliah.
Because Syria hath devised evil against thee, 5

- Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, saying,
6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it,
And let us force our way into it,
7 And set as king in the midst of it the son of Tabcal :
Thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.
8 For the head of Syria is Damascus,
And the head of Damascus, Rezin ;
(And within threescore and five years
Shall Ephraim be destroyed, that it be not a people :)
9 And the head of Ephraim, Samaria,
And the head of Samaria, Remaliah's son :
If ye will not believe,
Surely ye shall not be established.
- 10 Moreover Jehovah spake again unto Ahaz, saying,
11 Ask thee a sign from Jehovah thy God ;
Ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.
12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt Jehovah.
13 Then he said, Hear ye now, O house of David ;
Is it too small a thing for you to weary men,
That ye will weary my God also ?
14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign :
Behold the virgin hath conceived and shall bear a son,
And call his name Immanuel [*GOD-IS-WITH-US*].
15 Cream and honey shall he eat,
Until he know to refuse the evil, and choose the good ;
16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil,
And choose the good,
The land shall be made desolate,
Before whose two kings thou fearest.
- 17 Jehovah shall bring upon thee,
And upon thy people, and upon thy father's house,
Days that have not come,
Since Ephraim departed from Judah ;
Even the king of Assyria.
18 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That Jehovah shall call to the fly
Which is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt,
And to the bee which is in the land of Assyria :
And they shall come and alight, all of them,
In the precipitous valleys, and the clefts of the rocks,

And on all thorn-bushes, and on all pastures.
 In that day shall Jehovah shave with the hired blade, 20
 Even by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria,
 The head, and the hair of the feet ;
 And the beard also shall it take away.

And it shall come to pass in that day, 21
 That a man shall keep a young cow, and two sheep ;
 And it shall come to pass, 22
 From the abundance of milk which they shall yield,
 That he shall eat cream ;
 For cream and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.
 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place 23
 Where there were a thousand vines,
 Worth a thousand pieces of silver,
 Shall become briers and thorns.
 With arrows and with the bow shall one go thither ; 24
 Because all the land shall become briers and thorns.
 And all the hills that were digged with the spade— 25
 There shalt thou not go, through fear of briers and thorns :
 But they shall be for the sending forth of oxen,
 And for the treading of lesser cattle.

CHAP. VIII.—Moreover, Jehovah said unto me, Take 1
 thee a great tablet, and write upon it with the pen of a
 man concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz. And I took unto 2
 me faithful witnesses, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah, the
 son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto the prophetess ; and 3
 she conceived, and bare a son. Then said Jehovah to me, 4
 Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz [SPOIL-HASTENETH-
 PREY-SPEEDETH]. For before the child shall have knowledge
 to cry, My father, and My mother, the riches of Damascus
 and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the
 king of Assyria.

Jehovah spake also unto me, and said, 5
 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah 6
 Which flow softly,
 And rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son ;
 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them 7
 The waters of the river, strong and many,
 Even the king of Assyria, and all his glory :
 And he shall rise over all his channels,

- And go over all his banks ;
 8 And he shall pass into Judah ;
 He shall overflow and pass through,
 He shall reach *even* to the neck ;
 And the spreading out of his wings
 Shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.
- 9 Do your worst ye peoples, and be dismayed,
 And give ear, all ye distant lands :
 Gird yourselves, and be dismayed ;
 Gird yourselves, and be dismayed ;
 10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought ;
 Speak the word, and it shall not stand,
 For God is with us !
- 11 For thus spake Jehovah to me when his hand grasped me,
 When he instructed me not to walk in the way of this people,
 12 Saying, Say ye not, A confederacy,
 Of all to which this people shall say, A confederacy,
 Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.
 13 Jehovah of hosts, sanctify Him,
 And *let him be* your fear, and him your dread.
 14 And he shall be *your* refuge ;
 But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence
 To the two houses of Israel,
 A trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
 15 And many shall stumble thereon,
 And fall and be broken, and ensnared, and taken.
- 16 Bind up the testimony,
 Seal the commandment among my disciples !
 17 And I will wait for Jehovah,
 Who hideth his face from the house of Jacob,
 And I will trust in him.
- 18 Behold, I and the children whom Jehovah hath given me
 Are for signs and for symbols in Israel,
 From Jehovah of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion.
 19 And when they shall say unto you,
 Seek unto them that have familiar spirits,
 And unto the wizards that chirp, and that mutter,
 Shall not a people seek unto their God ?
 For the living *shall they resort* to the dead ?
 20 To the commandment and to the testimony !
 Shall not they speak according to this word,

Who have no dawning-light ?

And they shall pass through distressed and hungry : 21

And it shall come to pass, when they shall be hungry,

That they shall break into anger,

And curse their king and their God,

And turn their faces upward. 22

And they shall look unto the earth,

And behold trouble and darkness, obscurity of anguish ;

And *they shall be* driven into thick darkness.

CHAP. IX.—Nevertheless the obscurity *shall* not remain 1
where distress *now is* :

As the former time brought into contempt

The land of Zebulon and the land of Napthali,

So the after-*time* maketh glorious the way of the sea,

The land beyond Jordan, the circle of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light : 2

They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

Upon them light hath shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy : 3

They rejoice before thee as with the joy of harvest,

As men exult when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, 4

The rod of his oppressor, hast thou broken,

As in the day of Midian.

For all the armour of him that armeth tumultuously, 5

And the garment rolled in blood,

Shall be for burning, fuel for the fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, 6

And the government shall be upon his shoulder,

And his name shall be called, Wonder, Counsellor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

To the increase of *his* government and to peace 7

There shall be no end,

Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom ;

To order it and to establish it,

By justice and by righteousness,

From henceforth, and for ever :

The zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this.

The Lord sent a word unto Jacob, 8

And it hath fallen upon Israel :

And all the people shall know *it*, 9

- Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria,
 For *their* pride and stoutness of heart, in saying,
- 10 The bricks are fallen down,
 But we will build with hewn stones;
 The sycamores are cut down,
 But we will replace *them with* cedars.
- 11 Therefore Jehovah shall set up against them
 The adversaries of Rezin,
 And excite his enemies,
- 12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind;
 And they shall devour Israel with open mouth.
 For all this his anger is not turned away,
 But his hand is stretched out still.
- 13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them,
 Neither do they seek Jehovah of hosts.
- 14 Therefore Jehovah will cut off from Israel
 Head and tail, palm-branch and bulrush, in one day.
- 15 The elder and the honourable man, he is the head;
 And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
- 16 For they who guide this people lead *them* astray,
 And they that are guided by them are destroyed.
- 17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men,
 Neither have mercy on their fatherless and widows:
 For every one is profane and an evil-doer,
 And every mouth speaketh folly.
 For all this his anger is not turned away,
 But his hand is stretched out still.
- 18 For wickedness burneth as the fire;
 It shall devour the briers and thorns,
 And shall kindle in the thickets of the forest;
 And they shall ascend in clouds as smoke riseth.
- 19 Through the wrath of Jehovah of hosts is the land burned,
 And the people shall be as fuel for the fire;
 No man shall spare another.
- 20 And they shall devour on the right hand, and be hungry;
 And they shall eat on the left hand, and not be satisfied:
 They shall eat, every man, the flesh of his own arm;
- 21 Manassch, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh:
And these together shall be against Judah.
 For all this his anger is not turned away,
 But his hand is stretched out still.

CHAP. X.—Woe unto them that make unrighteous 1
 decrees,
 And that write, *causing* misery *by what* they have written;
 To turn aside the needy from judgment, 2
 And to take away the right of the poor of my people;
 That widows may be their prey,
 And that they may rob the fatherless!
 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, 3
 And in the desolation which shall come from afar?
 To whom will ye flee for help?
 And where will ye leave your wealth?
They shall do nothing but bow down among the prisoners; 4
 And they shall fall among the slain.
 For all this his anger is not turned away,
 But his hand is stretched out still.

Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, 5
 And the staff in whose hand is mine indignation!
 I will send him against a profane nation, 6
 And against the people of my wrath will I give him a
 charge,
 To seize the spoil, and to take the prey,
 And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
 But he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart so intend; 7
 For to destroy is in his heart,
 And to cut off nations not a few.
 For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings? 8
 Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? 9
 Is not Samaria as Damascus?
 As my hand hath found in the kingdoms of the idols, 10
 Whose graven images did excel those of Jerusalem and of
 Samaria,
 Even as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, 11
 Shall not I do thus to Jerusalem and her images?

Wherefore it shall come to pass, 12
 When the Lord shall have accomplished his whole work
 Upon mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
 That I will punish the fruit of the proud heart
 Of the king of Assyria,
 And the glorying of his high looks.
 For he hath said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, 13
 And by my wisdom; for I am prudent:

- And I have removed the boundaries of peoples,
 And plundered their treasures ;
 Like a valiant man I have cast down the inhabitants.
- 14 My hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples ;
 And as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken,
 I have gathered all the earth ;
 And there was none that moved the wing,
 Or opened the mouth, or chirped.
- 15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith ?
 Shall the saw magnify itself against him that moveth it ?
 As if the rod should move him that lifteth it !
 As if the staff should lift what is not wood !
- 16 Wherefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts,
 Shall send among his fat ones leanness ;
 And under his glory he shall kindle a burning,
 Like the burning of fire.
- 17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire,
 And his Holy One for a flame ;
 And it shall utterly devour his thorns and his briers,
 In one day ;
- 18 And the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field,
 Both soul and body, shall it consume ;
 And he shall be like the wasting away of a sick man :
- 19 And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be so few,
 That a child may write them.
- 20 And it shall come to pass in that day,
 That the remnant of Israel,
 And the escaped of the house of Jacob,
 Shall not again lean upon him that smote them ;
 But shall lean upon Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
- 21 A remnant shall return, a remnant of Jacob,
 To the mighty God :
- 22 For though thy people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
 A remnant of them shall return ;
 Destruction is decreed overflowing with righteousness :
- 23 For destruction and what is decreed
 Doth the Lord Jehovah of hosts execute,
 In the midst of all the earth.
- 24 Wherefore thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts,
 Fear not, my people that dwellest in Zion,
 Because of the Assyrian :
 He shall smite thee with the rod,

And lift up his staff against thee,
 After the manner of Egypt;
 But yet a very little while, and indignation shall cease, 25
 And mine anger shall be for their destruction.
 And Jehovah of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him, 26
 As in the slaughter of Midian, at the rock of Oreb:
 And *as* his rod was upon the sea,
 So shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
 And it shall come to pass in that day, 27
 That his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder,
 And his yoke from off thy neck;
 Yea, the yoke shall be destroyed because of fatness.

He is come to Aiath; he hath passed through Migron; 28
 At Michmash he hath laid up his baggage;
 They are gone over the pass; in Geba they spend the night; 29
 Ramah trembleth; Gibeah of Saul is fled.
 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim! 30
 Hearken, Laisha; answer her, O Anathoth!
 Madmenah fleeth; the inhabitants of Gebim hasten away. 31
 Yet a day hath he at Nob to halt: 32
Then will he shake his hand at the mount of the daughter
 of Zion,
 The hill of Jerusalem.
 But lo, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, 33
 Shall lop the chief bough with terror:
 And the high of stature shall be hewn down,
 And the lofty shall be humbled.
 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, 34
 And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAP. XI.—And there shall come forth a rod out of the 1
 stem of Jesse,

And a branch shall grow out of his roots;
 And the spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, 2
 The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 The spirit of counsel and might,
 The spirit of knowledge and the fear of Jehovah:
 His delight shall be in the fear of Jehovah. 3
 He shall not judge by the sight of his eyes,
 Neither decide by the hearing of his ears:
 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, 4
 And decide with equity for the afflicted of the earth:

- He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 And with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.
- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
 And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- 6 Then the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
 And the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
 And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together,
 And a little child shall lead them.
- 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed;
 Their young ones shall lie down together;
 And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The sucking child also shall play on the hole of the asp,
 And the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's
 den.
- 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:
 For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah,
 As the waters cover the sea.
- 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,
 Which shall stand as a banner for the peoples:
 To it shall the nations seek, and his rest shall be glorious.
- 11 And it shall come to pass in that day,
 That the Lord shall again, a second time, put forth his hand,
 To recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left,
 From Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros,
 From Ethiopia, and from Elam,
 And from Shinar, and from Hamath,
 And from the lands of the sea.
- 12 And he shall lift up a banner to the nations,
 And shall assemble the exiles of Israel,
 And gather together the dispersed of Judah,
 From the four quarters of the earth.
- 13 And the envy of Ephraim shall depart,
 And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off:
 Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
 And Judah shall not vex Ephraim.
- 14 But they shall fly upon the country of the Philistines toward
 the west;
 Together they shall spoil the children of the east;
 Edom and Moab shall be the prey of their hand;
 And the children of Ammon shall obey them.
- 15 And Jehovah shall cut through the tongue of the Egyptian sea;

And with his mighty wind he shall shake his hand over the
 river,
 And smite it into seven streams,
 That men may go over dryshod.
 And there shall be a highway from Assyria, 16
 For the remnant of his people, which shall be left,
 As there was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the
 land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.—And in that day thou shalt say, 1
 I will praise thee, O Jehovah :
 Though thou hast been angry with me,
 Thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me.
 Behold, God is my salvation ; 2
 I will trust, and not be afraid ;
 For Jehovah is my strength and *my* song,
 And he will be my salvation.
 Therefore ye shall draw water with joy out of wells of sal- 3
 vation.
 And in that day ye shall say, 4
 Praise Jehovah, call upon his name,
 Make known his deeds among the peoples ;
 Proclaim that his name is exalted.
 Sing unto Jehovah, for he hath done excellent things, 5
 Let this be known in all the earth.
 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion ; 6
 For great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.

CHAP. XIII.—The prophecy concerning Babylon which 1
 Isaiah the son of Amos did see.

Upon the bare mountain lift ye up a banner, 2
 Exalt the voice unto them, wave the hand,
 That they may enter into the gates of the tyrants.
 I have given charge to my appointed ones, 3
 I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger,
Even my proud exulters.
 The noise of a multitude on the mountains, 4
 As of a great people ;
 A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathering
 together ;
 Jehovah of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of the heaven,
Even Jehovah, and the instruments of his indignation,
 To destroy the whole land.

6 Howl ye ; for the day of Jehovah is at hand :
 It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be feeble,
 And every man's heart shall melt, and they shall be terrified :

8 Pangs and throes shall take hold of them ;
 They shall writhe as a woman that travaileth :
 They shall turn in amazement one to another ;
 Their faces *shall be as* flames.

9 Behold, the day of Jehovah cometh, a cruel *day*,
 And *one of* wrath and fierce anger,
 To lay the land desolate,
 And to destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven shall not give their light,
 Nor the constellations thereof ;
 The sun shall be darkened in his going forth,
 And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil,
 And the wicked for their iniquity ;
 And I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease,
 And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold ;
 Even a man than the gold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens,
 And the earth shall be moved out of her place,
 In the wrath of Jehovah of hosts,
 And in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be that, as the chased antelope,
 And as sheep which no man gathereth,
 They shall every man turn to his own people,
 And flee every man into his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through ;
 And every one that is caught shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their
 eyes ;

Their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,
 Who shall not regard silver,
 And in gold shall have no delight.

18 *Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces,

And they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb ;
 Their eye shall not spare children.

And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, 19
 The proud beauty of the Chaldees,
 Shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
 It shall never be inhabited, 20
 Neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation ;
 Neither shall the Arab pitch his tent there ;
 Neither shall shepherds make their fold there ;
 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there, 21
 And their houses shall be full of doleful things ;
 And ostriches shall dwell there,
 And shaggy creatures shall dance there.
 Howling beasts shall cry in their desolate halls, 22
 And jackals in *their* pleasant palaces :
 Her time is near, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIV.—For Jehovah will have mercy on Jacob, 1
 And will again choose Israel,
 And give them rest in their own land :
 The stranger also shall be joined with them,
 And shall cleave to the house of Jacob.
 And peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place ; 2
 And the house of Israel shall possess them,
 In the land of Jehovah,
 For men-servants and for hand-maidens :
 And they shall hold them captive, whose captives they were ;
 And rule over their oppressors.

And it shall come to pass in the day when Jehovah shall 3
 give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy trouble, and
 from the hard servitude wherein thou wast made to serve, 4
 that thou shalt take up this song against the king of Baby-
 lon, and say,

How hath the oppressor ceased !
 The gold-exacting *city* ceased !
 Jehovah hath broken the staff of the wicked, 5
 The rod of the rulers,
 Which smote the people in wrath, with a continual stroke ; 6
 Which ruled the nations in anger,
 With unrestrained oppression.
 The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet ; 7

- They break forth into singing ;
 8 Yea, the fir-trees rejoice at thee,
 The cedars of Lebanon, *saying*,
 Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.
- 9 The grave from beneath is moved for thee,
 To meet *thee* at thy coming :
 It stirreth up the dead for thee,
 All the chief ones of the earth ;
 It raiseth up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
- 10 They all shall speak, and say unto thee,
 Art thou also become weak as we ?
 Art thou become like unto us ?
- 11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave,
And the noise of thy viols :
 The worm is spread under thee, and worms cover thee.
- 12 How art thou fallen from heaven,
 O bright shining son of the morning !
And cut down to the earth, thou that didst overthrow nations !
- 13 And thou hadst said in thy heart,
 I will ascend the heavens,
 I will exalt my throne above the stars of God,
 And sit upon the mount of assembly,
 In the extremities of the north ;
- 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds ;
 I will be like the Most High.
- 15 But thou shalt be brought down to the grave,
 To the depths of the pit :
- 16 They that see thee shall gaze at thee,
 They shall consider, *saying*,
 Is this the man that made the earth to tremble,
 That did shake kingdoms ;
- 17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed its cities ;
 That released not his prisoners ?
- 18 All the kings of the nations, all of them,
 Lie in honour, every one in his own sepulchre ;
- 19 But thou art cast out of thy tomb, like an abominable branch ;
 Covered with the slain,
 That are thrust through with the sword,
 That go down to the stones of the pit ;
 Like a carcase trodden under foot.
- 20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial,
 Because thou hast wasted thy land, thou hast slain thy people :

The seed of evil doers shall never be renowned.
 Prepare slaughter for his children, 21
 For the iniquity of their fathers ;
 That they do not rise, nor possess the land,
 Nor fill the face of the world with cities.

Thus will I rise up against them, saith Jehovah of hosts, 22
 And cut off from Babylon, name, and remnant,
 And son, and grandson, saith Jehovah.
 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, 23
 And pools of water ;
 And I will sweep it away with the besom of destruction,
 Saith Jehovah of hosts.

Jehovah of hosts hath sworn, saying, 24
 Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass,
 And as I have purposed, so shall it stand ;
 That I will crush the Assyrian in my land, 25
 And upon my mountains tread him under foot :
 Then shall his yoke depart from upon them,
 And his burden depart from upon their shoulders.

This is the purpose that is purposed upon all the earth, 26
 And this the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.
 For Jehovah of hosts hath purposed, 27
 And who shall make it void ?
 And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back ?

In the year that king Ahaz died was this prophecy : 28

Rejoice not, Philistia, all of thee, 29
 Because the rod that smote thee is broken :
 For out of the serpent's root shall come forth a viper,
 And his fruit shall be a flying serpent :
 And the poorest shall feed, 30
 And the needy shall lie down in safety ;
 And I will kill thy root with famine,
 And he shall slay thy remnant.
 Howl, O gate ; cry, O city ; 31
 Thou art dissolved, Philistia, all of thee :
 For there shall come from the north a smoke ;
 And there shall be no straggler in his hosts.

What shall one then answer the messengers of a nation ? 32
 That Jehovah hath founded Zion,
 And the poor of his people shall take refuge there.

1 CHAP. XV.—The prophecy concerning Moab.

Truly in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste,
 It is brought to silence ;
 Truly in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste,
 It is brought to silence.

2 They go up to *their* temple,
 And to Dibon on the heights to weep :
 On Nebo, and on Medeba, Moab shall howl ;
 On all their heads shall be baldness,
 Every beard shall be cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth :
 On the tops of their houses, and in their open places,
 Every one shall howl,
 Weeping abundantly.

4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elcaleh ;
 Their voice shall be heard unto Jahaz :
 Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry aloud,
 His soul shall be troubled within him.

5 My heart shall cry out for Moab ;
 His fugitives *flee* unto Zoar, as a heifer of three years old :
 For they ascend the ascent of Luhith with weeping,
 And in the way of Horonaim they raise a cry of lamentation.

6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate ;
 For the herbage is withered away, the grass faileth,
 There is no green thing.

7 Therefore the remnant which they have got,
 And that which they have laid up,
 Shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.

8 For *their* cry encompasseth the borders of Moab ;
 Their howling *reacheth* unto Eglaim,
 Even to Beer-elim their howling.

9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood :
 For I will bring upon Dimon fresh calamities ;
 On the escaped of Moab a lion,
 And on the remnant of the land.

1 CHAP. XVI.—Send ye the lamb-tribute to the ruler of the land,

From Sela through the wilderness,
 To the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest,
 So the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

3 *They shall say*, Give counsel, make intercession ;

Let thy shadow be as the night in the midst of noonday ;
 Hide the outcasts ; betray not him that wandereth ;
 Let the outcasts of Moab dwell with thee ; 4
 Be a hiding-place to them from the face of the spoiler :
 For the exactor ceaseth, violence is at an end,
 The oppressor is consumed out of the land.
 Thus shall *thy* throne be established in mercy ; 5
 And there shall sit upon it in security,
 In the tabernacle of David,
 One judging, and seeking judgment,
 And hastening to *do* righteousness.
And they shall answer, 6
 We have heard of the pride of Moab, *for he is very proud ;*
 Of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath,
 His vain boastings.
 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, 7
 All of them shall howl :
 For the foundations of Kir-hareseth, shall ye mourn ;
 Surely *they are* stricken.
 For the fields of Heshbon languish, the vine of Sibmah, 8
 Whose choice grapes overcame the lords of the heathen ;
 They reached unto Jazer, they wandered to the wilderness ;
 Its branches stretched out, they passed over the sea.
 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer, 9
 For the vine of Sibmah ;
 I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh :
 For upon thy summer fruits and thy harvest the battle-cry
 hath fallen ;
 And gladness is taken away, and exultation, 10
 Out of the fruitful field ;
 And in the vineyards there shall be no singing,
 Neither shall there be shouting ;
 The treaders shall tread out no wine in *thy* presses ;
 I have made *thy* vintage-shouting to cease.
 Wherefore my bowels shall moan like a harp for Moab, 11
 And mine inward parts for Kir-harsh.
 And it shall come to pass that it will be seen, 12
 That Moab wearieth himself on the high-place,
 And cometh to his sanctuary to pray,
 But prevaileth not.
 This is the word which Jehovah hath spoken of old con- 13
 cerning Moab.
 And now Jehovah hath spoken, saying, 14

Within three years, as the years of a hireling,
 Shall the glory of Moab be brought to disgrace,
 With all *his* great multitude;
 And the remnant shall be very small *and* powerless.

1 CHAP. XVII.—The prophecy concerning Damascus.

- Behold, Damascus shall cease from *being* a city,
 And shall be a ruinous heap.
- 2 The cities of Aroer shall be forsaken;
 They shall be for flocks, which shall lie down *there*,
 And none shall make them afraid.
- 3 The fortress also shall be brought to an end in Ephraim,
 And the kingdom in Damascus, and the rest of Syria;
 They shall be as the glory of the children of Israel,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
- 4 And it shall come to pass in that day,
 That the glory of Jacob shall be enfeebled,
 And the fatness of his flesh shall become lean.
- 5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn,
 And reapeth the ears with his arm;
 And it shall be as he that gleaneth ears,
 In the valley of Rephaim:
- 6 And an after-gathering *only* shall be left in it,
 As at the plucking of an olive-tree,
 Two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough,
 Four or five in the fruit-bearing branches thereof,
 Saith Jehovah, God of Israel.
- 7 In that day shall a man look to his Maker,
 And his eyes shall have regard to the Holy One of Israel.
- 8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands,
 Nor regard that which his own fingers have made,
 The columns of Astarte, or the sun-pillars.
- 9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken place,
 In the forest, or on a hill-summit,
 Which men have left because of the children of Israel;
 And there shall be desolation.
- 10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation,
 And hast not remembered the rock of thy strength,
 Therefore thou plantest pleasant plants,
 And settest strange slips:
- 11 In the day that thou plantest, thou makest a hedge,

And in the morning thou causest thy seed to flourish :
But the harvest *shall* flee away in the day of possession,
 And desperate sorrow *shall remain*.

Ho ! a tumult of many peoples, 12
 They resound like the resounding of seas ;
 And the noise of nations roareth,
 Like the noise of mighty waters ;
 Like the noise of many waters the nations roar : 13
 But *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee afar,
 And shall be driven as the chaff of the mountain before the
 wind,
 And like stubble before the whirlwind.
 At even-tide, behold terror ! 14
 Before the morning he is no more :
 This is the portion of them that spoil us,
 And the lot of them that plunder us.

CHAP. XVIII.—Ho, land of the winged bark, 1
 Which borderest the rivers of Ethiopia,
 Which sendest forth ambassadors on the sea, 2
 And in vessels of reed upon the waters !
 Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation tall and comely,
 To a people terrible from its beginning and hitherto ;
 A nation very mighty and victorious,
 Whose land streams divide.

All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, 3
 When he lifteth the banner on the mountains, ye shall see,
 And when he bloweth the trumpet, ye shall hear.

For thus saith Jehovah unto me, 4
 I will be quiet, and I will look on in my dwelling-place,
 At the time of bright heat, in the sun,
 At the time of the dew-cloud in the heat of harvest ;
 But before the harvest when the bud is perfect, 5
 And the flower shall become the ripening grape,
 He shall cut off the shoots with pruning-knives,
 And shall take away *and* scatter the branches.
 They shall be left together to the birds of the mountains, 6
 And to the beasts of the earth ;
 And the birds shall pass the summer upon them,
 And all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 At that time shall a present be brought to Jehovah of hosts,
 From a people tall and comely,
 And from a people terrible from its beginning and hitherto,
 A nation very mighty and victorious,
 Whose land streams divide,
 To the place of the name of Jehovah of hosts,
 The mount Zion.

1 CHAP XIX.—The prophecy concerning Egypt.

Behold, Jehovah rideth upon a swift cloud,
 And cometh to Egypt ;
 And the idols of Egypt shall tremble at his presence,
 And the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.
 2 And I will excite the Egyptians against the Egyptians,
 That they may fight every one against his brother,
 And every one against his friend,
 City against city, kingdom against kingdom.
 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall faint in the midst thereof,
 And I will destroy their counsel ;
 And they shall seek to the idols, and to the soothsayers,
 And to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.
 4 And the Egyptians will I deliver into the hand of a cruel
 lord,
 And a strong king shall rule over them,
 Saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.
 5 And the waters shall fail from the sea,
 And the stream shall dry up and be dry ;
 6 And the streams shall become putrid ;
 The canals of Egypt shall become feeble and dry up ;
 Reeds and flags shall wither.
 7 The pastures along the river, by the brink of the river,
 And all the corn-land of the river shall be dry ;
 It shall be blasted and be no more.
 8 The fishers also shall mourn,
 And all that cast a hook into the river shall lament,
 And they that spread the net upon the waters shall languish.
 9 They that work the fine flax shall be confounded,
 And they that weave the white cloth.
 10 Her pillars also shall be struck down ;
 All that work for hire shall be sad in soul.
 11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools ;

The counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish !

How say ye unto Pharaoh, A son of the wise am I,
A son of ancient kings ?

Where are they, then, thy wise *men* ? 12

And let them tell thee now, and let them make known,
What Jehovah of hosts hath purposed concerning Egypt.

The princes of Zoan are become foolish, 13

The princes of Noph are deceived ;

They have caused Egypt to err,

Who are the corner-stone of her castes.

Jehovah hath mingled in the midst of her a spirit of perversity ; 14

And they have caused Egypt to err in all her deeds,

As a drunken *man* staggereth in his vomit.

Neither shall there be *any* deed of Egypt, 15

Which head or tail, palm-branch or bulrush may do.

In that day shall Egypt be like women, 16

And shall fear and tremble,

Because of the shaking of the hand of Jehovah of hosts,
Which he shaketh against it.

And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt ; 17

Every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid,

Because of the counsel of Jehovah of hosts,

Which he hath determined concerning it.

In that day shall five cities, in the land of Egypt, 18

Speak the language of Canaan,

And swear to Jehovah of hosts :

One shall be called, The city of defence.

In that day shall there be an altar to Jehovah, 19

In the midst of the land of Egypt,

And a pillar at the border thereof to Jehovah.

And it shall be for a sign and for a testimony, 20

To Jehovah of hosts, in the land of Egypt ;

For they shall cry unto Jehovah because of oppressors,

And he shall send them a saviour, and a defender,

And he shall deliver them.

And Jehovah shall be made known to Egypt, 21

And the Egyptians shall know Jehovah in that day ;

They shall also serve him with sacrifices and offerings,

And vow vows unto Jehovah, and perform them.

- 22 Thus Jehovah shall smite Egypt, smiting and healing ;
 And they shall return to Jehovah,
 And he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.
- 23 In that day there shall be a highway from Egypt to
 Assyria,
 So that the Assyrian may come unto Egypt,
 And the Egyptian into Assyria,
 And the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.
- 24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt,
 And with Assyria,
 A blessing in the midst of the earth,
- 25 Which Jehovah of hosts hath blessed, saying,
 Blessed be Egypt my people,
 And Assyria the work of my hands,
 And Israel mine inheritance.

- 1 CHAP. XX.—In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod,
 (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought
 2 against Ashdod, and took it ; at that time spake Jehovah by
 Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth
 from off thy loins, and put off thy sandal from thy foot. And
 3 he did so, going unclothed and barefoot. And Jehovah said,
 As my servant Isaiah goeth unclothed and barefoot three years,
 4 A sign and an omen upon Egypt and Ethiopia ;
 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt,
 And the exiles of Ethiopia, young men and aged,
 Unclothed and barefoot, and with naked back,
 To the shame of Egypt.
- 5 And they shall be dismayed and put to shame
 Because of Ethiopia their expectation,
 And because of Egypt their glory.
- 6 And the inhabitant of this coast shall say in that day,
 Lo, such is our expectation, whither we had fled for help,
 To be delivered from the king of Assyria ;
 And how shall we escape ?

- 1 CHAP. XXI.—The prophecy concerning the desert of
 the sea.
 As whirlwinds in the south rush on,
 So it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.
- 2 A grievous vision is declared unto me ;
 The spoiler spoileth, and the waster wasteth.
 Go up, O Elam ; besiege, O Media ;

All the sighing thereof have I made to cease.
 Therefore are my loins filled with pain ; 3
 Pangs have taken hold upon me,
 As the pangs of a woman in travail ;
 I was bowed down, so that I could not hear,
 I was terrified, so that I could not see.
 My heart panted, shuddering affrighted me ; 4
 The night of my pleasure hath been turned into trembling
 unto me.

They prepare the table, set the watch, eat *and* drink : 5
 Arise, ye princes, anoint the shield.
 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, 6
 Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.
 And he saw chariots, horsemen in pairs, 7
 Riders on asses, riders on camels ;
 And he hearkened diligently with much heed.
 Then he cried as a lion, 8
 My lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower,
 In the day-time,
 And I am placed on guard every night.
 And, behold, here come men in chariots, 9
 With horsemen in pairs.

And he spake again and said, Fallen, fallen is Babylon ;
 And all the graven images of her gods are shivered upon
 the ground.
 O *my people*, crushed and trodden down, 10
 That which I have heard of Jehovah of hosts,
 The God of Israel,
 Have I declared unto you.

The prophecy concerning Dumah. 11

One calleth to me out of Seir,
 Watchman, what of the night ?
 Watchman, what of the night ?
 The watchman said, The morning cometh, 12
 And also the night :
 If ye will inquire, inquire ye : come *to me* again.

The prophecy concerning Arabia. 13

In the thickets in Arabia shall ye spend the night,
 O ye caravans of Dedan.
 The inhabitants of the land of Tema bring water to the 14
 thirsty,

Him that fleeth they receive with their bread.

15 For they flee from the sword, from the drawn sword,
And from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.

16 For thus hath Jehovah said unto me,
Within a year, according to the years of a hireling,
And all the glory of Kedar shall fail:

17 And the residue of the number of archers,
The mighty men of the children of Kedar shall be diminished:

For Jehovah God of Israel hath spoken it.

1 CHAP. XXII.—The prophecy concerning the valley of vision.

What aileth thee now,

That thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops?

2 Thou that wert full of noises,
A tumultuous city, a joyous city:

Thy slain are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3 All thy leaders are fled together,

They are taken by the archers;

All of thine that are found are taken together, who fled afar.

4 Wherefore I say, Look away from me, I will weep bitterly;

Press not near to comfort me,

For the desolation of the daughter of my people.

5 For a day of trouble,

And of treading down, and of perplexity,

Hath the Lord Jehovah of hosts in the valley of vision.

6 They break down the wall,

And the cry *riseth* to the mountains;

And Elam beareth the quiver,

With chariots of men *and* horsemen,

And Kir uncovereth the shield.

7 And it shall come to pass,

That thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots,

And the horsemen shall set themselves in array toward the gate;

8 And he shall remove the covering of Judah.

Then shalt thou look, in that day,

To the armour of the house of the forest,

9 And ye shall see the breaches of the city of David,

That they are many,

And collect the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye shall number the houses of Jerusalem,

And break down the houses to fortify the wall.
 Ye shall also make a reservoir between the two walls, 11
 For the waters of the old pool;
 But ye look not unto him who doeth it,
 Neither regard him that prepared it long ago.
 Therefore in that day shall the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, 12
 Call to weeping, and to mourning,
 And to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth.
 But, behold, joy and gladness, 13
 Slaying oxen, and killing sheep,
 Eating flesh, and drinking wine!
 Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we shall die!
 Therefore hath Jehovah of hosts revealed it in mine ears, 14
 Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you till ye die,
 Saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.

Thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, 15
 Come, go unto this courtier,
 Unto Shebna, who is over the household,
And say, What hast thou here, and whom hast thou here, 16
 That thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here?
 O thou that hewest thee out a sepulchre on high,
 That cuttest a habitation for thyself in the rock!
 Behold, Jehovah will cast thee down with a mighty fall, 17
 And will cover thee over;
 He will surely roll thee up and toss thee, *like* a ball, 18
 Into a spacious land;
 There shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory,
 Thou shame of thy lord's house:
 And I will drive thee from thy place; 19
 And from thy station shall he pull thee down.
 And it shall come to pass in that day, 20
 That I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;
 And I will clothe him with thy robe, 21
 And strengthen him with thy girdle;
 And I will commit thy government into his hand:
 And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 And to the house of Judah.
 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his 22
 shoulder;
 So he shall open, and none shall shut;
 And he shall shut, and none shall open.
 And I will fasten him *as* a nail in a sure place; 23

- And he shall be for a glorious seat to his father's house.
 24 And upon him shall hang all the glory of his father's house,
 Offspring honourable and mean, *with* all smaller vessels,
 From the bowls, even to all the flagons.
 25 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts,
 Shall the nail, *now* fastened in a sure place,
 Be removed, and struck down, and fall;
 And the burden that was upon it shall be cut off:
 For Jehovah hath spoken *it*.

1 CHAP. XXIII.—The prophecy concerning Tyre.

- Howl, ye ships of Tarshish, for it is laid waste,
 So that there is no house to enter:
 From the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.
 2 Be struck dumb, ye inhabitants of the isle,
 Which the merchants of Zidon, who pass over the sea, have
 filled;
 3 And whose revenue is by the great waters,
 The seed of the Nile, the harvest of the river;
 And she is the mart of nations.
 4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon, for the sea hath spoken,
 The stronghold of the sea, saying,
 I have not travailed, nor brought forth,
 Neither have I reared young men, *nor* brought up maidens.
 5 When the report cometh to Egypt,
 They shall quake as at the report of Tyre.
 6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle!
 7 Is this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity is of ancient days?
 Her own feet shall carry her afar off to dwell.
 8 Who hath decreed this against Tyre, the crown-giving *city*,
 Whose merchants are princes,
 Whose traffickers the honoured of the earth?
 9 Jehovah of hosts hath decreed it,
 To profane the pride of all glory,
 To bring into contempt all the honoured of the earth.
 10 Pass through thy land like the river, O daughter of Tarshish!
 There is no longer restraint.
 11 He hath stretched out his hand over the sea,
 He hath shaken kingdoms;
 Jehovah hath given command against Canaan,
 12 To destroy her strongholds.
 And he hath said,
 Thou shalt not again rejoice,

O thou dishonoured virgin, daughter of Zidon :
 Arise, pass over to Chittim ;
 Even there shalt thou have no rest.
 Behold the land of the Chaldeans !—this people was not ; 13
 Assyria established them as dwellers in the wilderness :
 They set up their watch-towers,
 They lay bare her palaces, they make her a ruin.
 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish, 14
 For your stronghold is laid waste.
 And it shall come to pass in that day, 15
 That Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years,
 According to the days of one king :
 At the end of seventy years it shall be to Tyre
 According to the song of the harlot :
 Take the harp, go about the city, 16
 Thou harlot that hast been forgotten ;
 Play skilfully, sing many songs,
 That thou mayest be remembered.
 And it shall come to pass at the end of seventy years, 17
 That Jehovah will visit Tyre,
 And she shall return to her gain,
 And shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the world,
 Upon the face of the earth.
 But her traffic and her gain shall be holy to Jehovah : 18
 It shall not be treasured nor laid up in store ;
 For her traffic shall be for them that dwell before Jehovah,
 To eat abundantly, and for stately clothing.

CHAP. XXIV.—Behold, Jehovah emptieth the land, 1
 And maketh it waste,
 And turneth it upside down,
 And scattereth the inhabitants thereof.
 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest ; 2
 As with the man-servant, so with the master ;
 As with the hand-maiden, so with her mistress ;
 As with the buyer, so with the seller ;
 As with the lender, so with the borrower ;
 As with the taker of interest, so with the payer of interest to
 him.
 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled ; 3
 For Jehovah hath spoken this word.
 The land mourneth *and* fadeth, 4
 The world languisheth *and* fadeth,

- The highest people of the land do languish.
 5 For the land hath been defiled beneath the inhabitants thereof ;
 Because they have transgressed the laws,
 Disobeyed the ordinance,
 Broken the everlasting covenant.
 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the land,
 And they that dwell therein are punished ;
 Therefore the inhabitants of the land are burned up,
 And few men are left.
 7 The new wine mourneth,
 The vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do sigh.
 8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth,
 The noise of them that rejoice endeth,
 The mirth of the harp ceaseth.
 9 They shall not drink wine with a song ;
 Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.
 10 The devastated city is broken down :
 Every house is shut up, so that no one entereth in.
 11 *There is* a crying for wine in the streets ;
 All joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.
 12 In the city is left desolation,
 And the gate is beaten to ruins.
 13 For so it shall be, in the midst of the land among the peoples,
 As at the plucking of an olive tree,
 As at the after-gathering, when the vintage is done.
 14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall shout,
 For the majesty of Jehovah they shall cry aloud from the
 sea.
 15 Wherefore glorify ye Jehovah in the east ;
 The name of Jehovah, God of Israel,
 In the lands of the sea.
 16 From the uttermost part of the earth we have heard songs,
 Glory to the righteous.
 But I said, My wretchedness, my wretchedness,
 Woe unto me !
 The spoilers spoil, yea, the spoilers seize the spoil ;
 17 Terror, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee,
 O inhabitant of the land.
 18 And it shall come to pass,
 That he who fleeth from the noise of the terror
 Shall fall into the pit ;
 And he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit
 Shall be taken in the snare :

For the windows on high are open,
 And the foundations of the earth do tremble.
 The earth is broken to pieces, 19
 The earth is shattered, the earth is moved exceedingly.
 The earth reeleth to and fro like a drunken man, 20
 And shaketh like a hut;
 And the transgression thereof is heavy upon it;
 Therefore hath it fallen, and shall not rise again.
 And it shall come to pass in that day, 21
 That Jehovah shall punish the host of the high ones on high,
 And the kings of the earth upon the earth.
 And they shall be gathered together, 22
 As prisoners are gathered in the pit,
 And shall be shut up in the prison;
 And after many days they shall be visited.
 Then the moon shall blush, and the sun shall be ashamed, 23
 For Jehovah of hosts shall reign on mount Zion,
 And in Jerusalem,
 And before his elders gloriously.

CHAP. XXV.—O Jehovah, thou art my God; 1
 I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
 For thou hast done wonderful things;
 Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
 For thou hast made of a city a heap; 2
 Of a fortified city a ruin;
 The palaces of strangers are no more a city;
 They shall never be rebuilt.
 Therefore shall a strong people glorify thee, 3
 The city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
 For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor, 4
 A stronghold to the needy in his distress,
 A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat,
 When the blast of the terrible was as a storm *against* the
 wall.
 Thou shalt bring down the noise of the strangers, 5
 As the heat in a dry place *is overcome*,
Even the heat by the shadow of a cloud;
 The song of the terrible shall be brought low.

And in this mountain shall Jehovah of hosts make unto 6
 all peoples
 A feast of fat things, a feast of old wines,

- Of fat things full of marrow,
Of old wines well refined.
- 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the covering,
Which covers all peoples,
And the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death for ever ;
And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from all faces ;
And the reproach of his people will he take away,
From all the earth :
For Jehovah hath spoken *it*.
- 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God ;
We have waited for him, and he will save us :
This is Jehovah ; we have waited for him ;
We will exult and rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 For on this mountain shall the hand of Jehovah rest,
And Moab shall be trodden down in his place,
Even as straw is trodden down on the dunghill.
- 11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of it,
As he that swimmeth spreadeth them forth to swim ;
But He shall cast down his pride,
Together with the devices of his hands.
- 12 And the fortress of thy high walls
Shall he bring down, and lay low,
And bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.
- 1 CHAP. XXVI.—In that day shall this song be sung in
the land of Judah :
We have a strong city ;
His help shall make our walls and bulwarks.
- 2 Open ye the gates,
That the righteous nation may enter in,
Which keepeth the truth ;
- 3 A steadfast mind thou wilt keep in perfect peace,
Because it trusteth in thee.
- 4 Trust ye in Jehovah for ever ;
For the Lord Jehovah is an everlasting rock.
- 5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high ;
The lofty city, he layeth it low ;
He layeth it low, on the ground ;
He bringeth it to the dust.
- 6 The foot shall tread it down,
The feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.
- 7 The way of the just is straight ;

Thou, most upright, dost make level the path of the just.
 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Jehovah, 8
 Have we waited for thee ;
 The desire of *our* soul is to thy name,
 And to the remembrance of thee.
 My soul hath desired thee in the night ; 9
 Yea, my spirit within me shall seek thee early :
 For when thy judgments are in the earth,
 The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
 Let favour be shown to the wicked, 10
 Yet will he not learn righteousness :
 In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,
 And will not regard the majesty of Jehovah.
 Jehovah, thy hand was lifted up, 11
 But they would not see.
 They shall see *thy* zeal for thy people, and be ashamed,
 Yea, fire upon thine enemies shall devour them.
 O Jehovah, thou wilt ordain peace for us : 12
 For thou also hast wrought all our works for us.
 O Jehovah our God, *other* lords besides thee have had 13
 dominion over us ;
 Only through thee do we celebrate thy name.
They are dead, they shall not live ; 14
 Deceased, they shall not rise ;
 Thou hast visited and destroyed them,
 And made all their memory to perish.
 Thou hast increased the nation, O Jehovah, 15
 Thou hast increased the nation :
 Thou hast become glorious,
 Thou hast extended far all the borders of the land.
 O Jehovah, in trouble have they visited thee ; 16
 They poured out a prayer ;
 Thy chastening was upon them.
 As one with child, who draweth near to her delivery, 17
 Is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs,
 So have we been in thy sight, O Jehovah.
 We have been with child ; we have been in pain ; 18
 We have as it were brought forth wind ;
 We have not wrought deliverance in the land ;
 Neither have inhabitants of the world been born *through us*.
 Thy dead ones, *O Jehovah*, shall live ; my dead body shall arise. 19
 Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust :
 For thy dew is a life-giving dew ;
 And the earth shall bring forth the dead.

- 20 Come, my people, enter into thy chambers,
And shut thy doors behind thee;
Hide thyself for a little while,
Until the indignation be past.
- 21 For, behold, Jehovah cometh out of his place
To visit the iniquity of the inhabitants of the earth upon
them;
And the earth shall disclose her blood,
And shall no more cover her slain.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—In that day shall Jehovah, with his
sword,

- His* heavy and great and strong *sword*,
Punish leviathan the flying serpent,
Even leviathan the winding serpent;
And he shall slay the monster that is in the sea.
- 2 In that day sing ye of the pleasant vineyard:
- 3 I Jehovah do keep it;
I will water it every moment;
Lest any one assail it, I will keep it night and day.
- 4 I have no anger *against it*:
If I should have the briers and thorns *thereof* in battle,
I would advance against them,
I would set them on fire together.
- 5 Or else let them take hold of my strength,
Let them make peace with me;
Let them make peace with me.
- 6 In the coming *days* Jacob shall take root;
Israel shall blossom and bud,
And fill the face of the world with fruit.
- 7 Hath He smitten him, as he smote those that smote him?
Hath he been slain,
With the slaughter of those slain for him?
- 8 *Nay*; but in moderation, by casting her forth,
Dost thou contend with her;
He removeth *her* by his rough wind,
In the day of the east wind.
- 9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be expiated;
And this is all *its* fruit, that his sin is taken away,
When he maketh all the stones of the *idol's* altar as chalk-
stones,
Which are broken in pieces;

And when the columns of Astarte and the sun-pillars shall stand no more.

For the fortified city shall be desolate, 10

A habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness :

There shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down,

And consume its branches.

When their foliage is withered, they shall be broken off ; 11

Women shall come, *and* set them on fire :

For it is a people of no understanding ;

Therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them,

And he that formed them will show them no favour.

And it shall come to pass, in that day, 12

That Jehovah shall beat off *their fruit*,

From the channel of the river *Euphrates*

Unto the torrent of Egypt ;

And ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

And it shall come to pass in that day, 13

That a great trumpet shall be blown,

And they shall come that were perishing in the land of

Assyria,

And the outcasts in the land of Egypt,

And shall worship Jehovah on the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXVIII.—Woe to the crown of pride of the
drunkards of Ephraim,

And the fading flower, their glorious beauty,

Which is at the head of the fertile valley

Of them that are overcome with wine !

Behold, the Lord hath a strong and active one : 2

Like a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction,

Like a storm of mighty overwhelming waters,

Shall he dash to the earth with the hand.

The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim 3

Shall be trodden under foot :

And the fading flower their glorious beauty, 4

Which is at the head of the fertile valley,

Shall be as the early fig before the summer ;

Which he that looketh upon it seeth,

And while it is yet in his hand swalloweth it.

In that day Jehovah of hosts shall be for a crown of beauty, 5

- And a diadem of glory, to the remnant of his people ;
 6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment,
 And for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.
 7 But even these stagger with wine,
 And reel with strong drink,
 Priest and prophet stagger with strong drink ;
 They are swallowed up of wine, they reel with strong drink ;
 They stagger in vision, they stumble in judgment.
 8 For all tables are full of filthy vomit,
There is no place clean.
 9 Whom, *say they*, will he teach knowledge ?
 And whom will he make to understand instruction ?
Are we but weaned from the milk, taken from the breast,
 10 That *he giveth us* precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
 Line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little ?
 11 Truly with stammering lips and another tongue
 Will He speak to this people ;
 12 Who hath said, This is rest, that ye give rest to the weary,
 And this is repose : but they would not hear ;
 13 So that the word of Jehovah hath been to them,
 Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
 Line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little ;
 That they might walk, and stumble backwards,
 And be broken, and snared, and taken.
- 14 Wherefore, hear ye the word of Jehovah,
 Ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.
 15 Because ye have said,
 We have made a covenant with death,
 And with the grave made a league ;
 When the overflowing scourge shall pass through,
 It shall not come unto us ;
 For we have made lies our refuge,
 And in falsehood we have hid ourselves :
 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
 Behold, I lay in Zion a stone,
 A tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation ;
 He that confideth shall not flee.
 17 And I will make judgment a measuring-line,
 And righteousness a plummet ;
 And the hail-storm shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
 And the waters shall overwhelm the hiding-place.
 18 Thus shall your covenant with death be annulled,

And your league with the grave shall not stand ;
 When the overwhelming scourge shall pass through,
 Then shall ye be trodden down by it.
 As often as it passeth through, it shall seize you ; 19
 For morning after morning shall it pass through,
 By day and by night :
 And hard treatment only shall make you understand instruction.
 For the bed is too short for *a man* to stretch himself *on it* ; 20
 And the covering too narrow for him to wrap himself *in it*.
 For Jehovah shall rise up as at mount Perazim, 21
 He shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon,
 That he may do his deed, his strange deed ;
 And work his work, his strange work.
 Now therefore mock not, lest your hands be made strong : 22
 For of destruction and what is determined have I heard,
 From the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, concerning all the land.

Give ye ear, and hear my voice ; 23
 Attend, and hear my speech :
 Doth the ploughman plough all day to sow ? 24
 Or doth he *continually* open and harrow his ground ?
 When he hath made the face thereof even, 25
 Doth he not also cast abroad the dill, and sow the cummin,
 And place the wheat in rows,
 And the barley in the appointed place,
 And the rye in its border ?
 Thus his God doth instruct him aright, *and* doth teach him. 26
 For the dill is not beaten out with a corn-drag, 27
 Neither is the wheel of a threshing-drag turned upon
 cummin ;
 But the dill is beaten out with the flail,
 And cummin with the rod.
 Bread corn is trodden out ; 28
 But one doth not perpetually continue to thresh it,
 Nor drive over it the wheel of his threshing-drag,
 Nor bruise it with his horses.
 This also cometh forth from Jehovah of hosts, 29
 He is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in understanding.

CHAP. XXIX.—Woe to Ariel, Ariel, 1
 The city *where* David dwelt !
 Add yet another year ; let the feasts go round ;

- 2 Then will I distress Ariel,
 And there shall be sighing and moaning,
 And it shall be unto me as Ariel.
 3 I will encamp against thee round about,
 And will press against thee with the mound,
 And raise siege-towers against thee.
 4 Then shalt thou be brought low,
 Thou shalt speak out of the ground,
 And thy speech shall be low out of the dust,
 And thy voice out of the ground ;
 As of one that hath a familiar spirit,
 Even from the dust shall thy speech whisper.
 5 Yet the multitude of thy enemies shall be as small dust,
 And the multitude of the terrible as chaff that passeth away ;
 And it shall happen in a moment, suddenly.
 6 From Jehovah of hosts shalt thou be visited,
 With thunder, and with earthquake, and a great noise,
 Whirlwind and tempest, and a flame of devouring fire.
 7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel,
 Even all that fight against her and her fortress,
 And besiege her,
 Shall be as a dream, a vision of the night.
 8 And it shall be as when the hungry *man* dreameth,
 And, behold, he eateth,
 But he awaketh, and his soul is empty :
 And as when the thirsty man dreameth,
 And, behold, he drinketh,
 But he awaketh, and, behold, *he is* faint,
 And his soul craveth ;
 So shall the multitude of all the nations be,
 That fight against mount Zion.
 9 Hesitate and be amazed !
 Shew yourselves blinded and be blind !
 They are drunken, but not with wine ;
 They stagger, but not with strong drink.
 10 For Jehovah hath poured upon you a spirit of slumber,
 And hath closed your eyes, the prophets ;
 And your heads, the seers, he hath covered ;
 11 And the whole vision is to you as the words of a book that
 is sealed,
 Which they give to one that is learned,

Saying, Read this, I pray thee :
 And he saith, I cannot ; for it is sealed :
 And the book is given to one that is not learned, 12
 Saying, Read this, I pray thee :
 And he saith I am not learned.
 Wherefore the Lord saith, 13
 Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth,
 And honour me with their lips,
 But have removed their heart far from me,
 And their fear towards me is *but* a precept taught of men ;
 Therefore, behold, I will again act marvellously 14
 Among this people,
 Marvellously and wonderfully.
 And the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
 And the discernment of their discerning men shall be hid.

Woe unto them that would hide deeply their counsel from 15
 Jehovah !

Whose works are in darkness,
 And who say, Who seeth us ? and who knoweth us ?
 Ah, your perverseness ! 16
 Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay ?
 That the work should say of him that made it,
 He made me not :
 Or the thing framed say of him that framed it,
 He had no understanding ?
 Is there not yet a very little while, 17
 Until Lebanon be turned into a fruitful field,
 And the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest ?
 In that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, 18
 And out of obscurity and darkness
 The eyes of the blind shall see.
 The afflicted also shall increase *their* joy in Jehovah, 19
 And the poorest of men shall exult in the Holy One of
 Israel :
 Because the terrible ceaseth, 20
 And the scorner is consumed,
 And all that watch for iniquity are cut off ;
 Who wrong a man in his cause, 21
 And for him that pleadeth in the gate lay snares,
 And turn aside the just by falsehood.
 Therefore thus saith Jehovah to the house of Jacob, 22
 He who redeemed Abraham,

- Not now shall Jacob be put to shame,
 Neither shall his face now grow pale;
 23 But when he seeth his children, the work of my hands,
 In the midst of him,
 They shall sanctify my name,
 And sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,
 And fear the God of Israel.
 24 They also that erred in spirit shall gain discernment,
 And they that murmured shall receive instruction.
- 1 CHAP. XXX.—Woe to the rebellious children,
 Saith Jehovah,
 That take counsel, but not of me;
 And make treaties, but not by my spirit,
 That they may add sin to sin!
 2 Who are going down to Egypt,
 Without asking of my mouth;
 To strengthen themselves by the strength of Pharaoh,
 And to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt!
 3 But the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame,
 And the taking refuge in the shadow of Egypt *your* dis-
 grace:
 4 For his princes are at Zoan,
 And his messengers have arrived at Hanes.
 5 Every one shall be ashamed of a people that could not profit
 them,
 Which serveth not for help, nor to profit,
 But for shame, and also for reproach.
- 6 The prophecy concerning the beasts of the south:
 Through a land of distress and trouble,
 Whence *come* the lioness and the lion,
 The viper and the flying serpent,
 They carry upon the backs of asses their wealth,
 And their treasures upon the bunches of camels,
 To a people that shall not profit *them*.
 7 For Egypt is vanity, and to no purpose will they help;
 Therefore have I named it, Arrogance that sitteth still.
- 8 Now go, write it before them upon a tablet,
 And inscribe it in a book;
 That it may be for a future day, for a testimony for ever:
 9 For a rebellious people is this, lying children,

Children that will not hear the law of Jehovah ;
 Who say to the seers, See not, 10
 And to the prophets, Prophecy not to us right things,
 Speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits,
 Depart from the way, turn aside from the path, 11
 Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.
 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, 12
 Because ye have refused this word,
 And trust in oppression and perverseness, and lean thereon ;
 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you 13
 As a broken part ready to fall,
 Swelling out in a lofty wall,
 Whose breaking cometh suddenly, in a moment.
 And he shall break it as the breaking of a potter's vessel, 14
Which is dashed in pieces ;
 He shall not spare :
 So that there shall not be found among its fragments,
 A piece to take up fire from the hearth,
 Or to lift water from the pit.
 For thus said the Lord Jehovah, 15
 The Holy One of Israel,
 In returning and rest shall ye be saved ;
 In quietness and in confidence shall be your might :
 And ye would not ;
 But ye said, No, for we will flee upon horses : 16
 Therefore ye shall flee !
 And, We will ride upon swift *horses* :
 Therefore shall your pursuers be swift !
 A thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one ; 17
 At the rebuke of five ye shall flee,
 Till ye be left as a signal-staff upon the top of a mountain,
 And as a banner upon a hill.

 Yet therefore will Jehovah wait, to be gracious to you, 18
 And therefore will he rise up to have mercy on you ;
 For a just God is Jehovah ;
 Blessed are all they that wait for him !
 For, O people in Zion, that dwellest in Jerusalem, 19
 Thou shalt not weep continually ;
 He will be very gracious to thee, at the voice of thy cry ;
 When he heareth it, he will answer thee.
 And the Lord will give you bread in adversity, 20
 And water in affliction ;

- Nor shall thy teachers any more hide themselves ;
 But thine eyes shall see thy teachers ;
 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying,
 This is the way, walk ye in it,
 When ye turn to the right hand,
 And when ye turn to the left.
- 22 Then shall ye treat as unclean
 Thy graven image covered with silver,
 And the golden plating of thy molten image ;
 Thou shalt cast them away as a filthy thing ;
 Thou shalt say to them, Begone.
- 23 Then shall he give rain for thy seed,
 Wherewith thou shalt sow the ground,
 And bread, the produce of the ground,
 And it shall be rich and nourishing :
 In that day shall thy cattle feed in a large pasture.
- 24 The oxen and the asses, that till the ground,
 Shall eat salted provender,
 Which hath been winnowed with the fan,
 And with the winnower ;
- 25 And there shall be upon every high mountain,
 And upon every high hill,
 Channels *and* streams of waters,
 In the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall.
- 26 And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun,
 And the light of the sun shall be seven-fold,
 As the light of seven days,
 In the day that Jehovah bindeth up the wound of his people,
 And healeth the blow with which he hath smitten them.
- 27 Behold, the name of Jehovah cometh from afar,
 His anger burneth, and heavy is the uprising cloud ;
 His lips are full of indignation,
 And his tongue as a devouring fire ;
- 28 And his breath, as an overwhelming torrent,
 Shall reach to the midst of the neck,
 To sift the nations with the winnowing-fan of destruction,
 And *to be as* a bridle in the jaws of peoples,
 Leading them astray.
- 29 Ye shall have a song,
 As in the night *when* a solemn feast is kept ;
 And gladness of heart, as when one cometh with the flute,

To the mount of Jehovah, to the rock of Israel.
 And Jehovah shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, 30
 And the descent of his arm to be seen,
 With hot anger, and a flame of devouring fire,
 The scattering blast, and rain, and hail.
 For at the voice of Jehovah shall the Assyrians be dismayed; 31
 With the rod shall he smite *them*.
 And every stroke of the appointed rod, 32
 Which Jehovah shall lay upon them,
 Shall be with tabrets and with harps;
 And with the shock of battles will he fight against them.
 For Tophet hath already been ordained, 33
 Yea, it is prepared for the king;
 He hath made deep *and* wide its circuit.
 Fire and wood hath he provided abundantly;
 The breath of Jehovah, like a torrent of brimstone, doth
 kindle it.

CHAP. XXXI.—Woe to them that go down to Egypt for a
 help, and rely on horses,
 And trust in chariots, because *they are* many,
 And in horsemen because they are very numerous;
 But look not unto the Holy One of Israel,
 Neither seek Jehovah!
 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, 2
 And will not call back his words;
 But will arise against the house of the evil-doers,
 And against the help of them that work iniquity.
 For the Egyptians are man and not God; 3
 And their horses flesh, and not spirit.
 And Jehovah shall stretch forth his hand,
 And the helper shall stumble,
 And he that is helped shall fall,
 And they shall all perish together.

For thus hath Jehovah said unto me: 4
 As the lion growleth, and the young lion, over his prey,
 When a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him,
And at their voice he is not dismayed,
 Nor by their tumult disheartened;
 So shall Jehovah, of hosts come down
 To fight over mount Zion, and over the hill thereof.
 As birds hovering, so will Jehovah of hosts protect Jerusalem; 5

He shall protect and deliver, spare and rescue.

- 6 Return ye unto *him from* whom they have deeply revolted,
O children of Israel !
7 For in that day shall a man cast away his idols of silver,
And his idols of gold,
Which your own hands have made—*your* sin.
8 Then shall the Assyrian fall by a sword of one not man ;
And a sword of one not human shall devour him :
He shall flee before the sword,
And his young men shall be for tribute.
9 Through terror shall he pass by his rock-*stronghold*,
And his princes shall be afraid at *every* banner,
Saith Jehovah, whose light is in Zion,
And whose fire is in Jerusalem.

- 1 CHAP. XXXII.—Behold, a king shall reign in
righteousness,
And princes shall rule with justice.
2 And they shall each be as a hiding-place from the wind,
And a covert from the tempest ;
As channels of water in a dry place,
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
3 The eyes of them that see shall not be dim,
And the ears of them that hear shall attend.
4 The heart also of the rash shall gain knowledge,
And the tongue of stammerers hasten to speak plainly.
5 No more shall the fool be called noble,
Nor the fraudulent be said *to be* generous.
6 For the fool speaketh foolishness,
And his heart worketh iniquity,
To work impiety, and to utter error against Jehovah,
To make empty the soul of the hungry,
And cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
7 The instruments also of the fraudulent are evil ;
He deviseth craftily,
To destroy the poor with lying words,
Even when the needy pleadeth a just cause.
8 But the noble deviseth noble things ;
And by noble things shall he stand.
9 Ye careless women, arise and hear my voice,
Ye confident daughters, give ear unto my speech !

One year more, *and* the confident shall be troubled ; 10
 For the vintage shall fail, the fruit-gathering shall not come.
 Tremble, ye careless ; be troubled, ye confident ! 11
 Strip you, and make you bare,
 And gird *sackcloth* upon *your* loins,
 Smiting upon *your* breasts for the pleasant fields, 12
 For the fruit-bearing vine !

Upon the land of my people thorns *and* briers shall come up, 13
 Yea, upon all the houses of joy *in* the rejoicing city.
 For the palaces shall be forsaken ; 14
 The tumult of the city shall be left desolate ;
 Ophel and the watch-tower shall be for dens for ever,
 A joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks ;
 Until a spirit be poured upon us from on high, 15
 And the wilderness become a fruitful field,
 And the fruitful field be esteemed a forest.

Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness, 16
 And righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
 And the work of righteousness shall be peace ; 17
 And the effect of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever.
 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, 18
 And in secure dwellings, and in tranquil resting-places.
 But the hail-storm shall bring down the forest, 19
 And the city shall be greatly humbled.

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, 20
 That send forth the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAP. XXXIII.—Woe to thee that wastest, though 1
 thou *hast* not been wasted,
 And spoilest, though they have not spoiled thee !
 When thou shalt cease to waste, thou shalt be wasted ;
 When thou shalt finish spoiling, they shall spoil thee.

O Jehovah, be gracious to us ; we wait for thee ; 2
 Be thou their arm every morning,
 Our salvation also in time of trouble.
 At the sound of *thy* thunder the peoples flee ; 3
 When thou liftest thyself up the nations are scattered.
 And your spoil shall be gathered, as the locust gathereth ; 4
 They shall run upon it, as the locust runneth.

Exalted is Jehovah, for he dwelleth on high ; 5
 He filleth Zion with judgment and righteousness ;
 And he shall be the security of thy times, 6

Abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge :
The fear of Jehovah, that is his treasure.

- 7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without,
The messengers of peace weep bitterly.
- 8 The highways lie waste, the traveller ceaseth :
He hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities,
He maketh man of no account.
- 9 The land mourneth *and* languisheth ;
Lebanon is put to shame *and* withereth away ;
Sharon is like the desert ;
And Bashan and Carmel shake off *their leaves*.
- 10 Now will I rise, saith Jehovah,
Now will I be exalted, now will I lift myself up.
- 11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble :
Your own spirit, as a fire, shall devour you ;
- 12 And the peoples shall be as burning lime ;
As thorns cut off, they shall be burned up with fire.
- 13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done ;
And, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.
- 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid ;
Trembling hath seized the profane :
Who among us shall abide in devouring fire ?
Who among us shall abide in everlasting burnings ?
- 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly ;
He that refuseth the gain of oppressions,
That shaketh his hands from taking a bribe,
That stoppeth his ears not to hear of blood,
And shutteth his eyes not to look on evil ;
- 16 He shall dwell on high,
The summits of rocks shall be his refuge,
His bread shall be given, his water shall be secure.
- 17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty :
They shall behold the land in its distant parts.
- 18 Thy heart shall meditate on the terror :
Where is he that counted ?
Where is he that weighed ?
Where is he that counted the towers ?
- 19 The fierce people thou shalt not see,
A people of obscure speech, not to be understood,
That stammereth with the tongue, unintelligibly.
- 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities ;

Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a tranquil habitation,
 A tent that shall not be taken down ;
 The stakes thereof shall not be pulled up for ever,
 Neither shall any of its cords be broken.
 But there shall Jehovah be our mighty *defence*, 21
As a place of streams and broad rivers.
 Therein shall go no galley with oars,
 Neither shall mighty ship pass over it.
 For Jehovah is our judge, Jehovah is our lawgiver, 22
 Jehovah is our king ; He shall save us.

Thy cords hang loose, 23
 They hold not firm the place of their mast ;
 They spread not out the flag.
 Then shall the prey of the spoil be divided abundantly ;
 The lame shall seize the spoil. 24
 And no inhabitant shall say, I am sick :
 The people that dwell therein shall be forgiven *their* iniquity.

CHAP. XXXIV.—Come near, ye nations, to hear, 1
 And attend, ye peoples !
 Let the earth hear, and all that is therein ;
 The world, and all things that come forth of it.
 For the indignation of Jehovah is upon all the nations, 2
 And *his* anger upon all their armies :
 He hath devoted them to destruction,
 He hath delivered them to the slaughter.
 Their slain also shall be cast out, 3
 And their stench shall come up out of their earcases,
 And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.
 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, 4
 And the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll :
 And all their host shall fade,
 As a leaf fadeth from the vine,
 And as *a fig* fading from the fig tree.
 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven : 5
 Behold, it shall come down upon Edom,
 And upon the people whom I curse, to judgment.
 The sword of Jehovah is filled with blood, 6
 It is soaked with fat ;
 With the blood of lambs and goats,
 With the fat of the kidneys of rams :
 For Jehovah hath a sacrifice in Bozrah,

- And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
 7 And the buffaloes shall be brought down with them,
 And the bullocks with the bulls;
 And their land shall be bathed in blood,
 And their dust soaked with fat.
 8 For a day of vengeance hath Jehovah,
 A year of recompences, for the defence of Zion.
 9 And their streams shall be turned into pitch,
 And their dust into brimstone;
 Yea, their land shall become burning pitch.
 10 It shall not be quenched, night nor day;
 The smoke thereof shall go up for ever:
 From generation to generation it shall lie waste;
 None shall pass through it for ever and ever.
 11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it;
 The heron also and the raven shall dwell in it:
 And he shall stretch out over it the measuring-line of desolation,
 And the plummet-stones of emptiness.
 12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom,
 But none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.
 13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces,
 Nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof;
 And it shall be a haunt of jackals,
 A gathering-place of ostriches.
 14 There wild beasts of the desert and howling beasts shall
 meet,
 And shaggy creatures shall cry to one another;
 There also shall the night-spectre settle,
 And find for herself a place of rest.
 15 There shall the arrow-snake make her nest and lay,
 And brood *over her young*, and cherish *them* in her shadow:
 There shall the vultures also be gathered,
 Every one with her mate.
 16 Seek ye out of the book of Jehovah, and read:
 No one of these shall fail, none shall miss her mate;
 For His mouth itself hath commanded,
 And his spirit it hath gathered them.
 17 And he hath cast the lot for them,
 And his hand hath divided it for them with the measuring-
 line:
 They shall possess it for ever,
 From generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAP. XXXV.—The wilderness and the parched ground 1
 shall be glad for them ;
 And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose :
 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, 2
 Even with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
 The excellency of Carmel and Sharon ;
 These shall see the glory of Jehovah,
 The excellency of our God.
 Strengthen ye the weak hands, 3
 And make firm the feeble knees :
 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, 4
 Be strong, fear not ; behold your God !
 Vengeance shall come, the retribution of God ;
 He himself will come and save you.
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, 5
 And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped ;
 Then shall the lame leap as a hart, 6
 And the tongue of the dumb shall sing :
 For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
 And torrents in the desert.
 And the glowing sand shall become a pool, 7
 And the thirsty soil springs of water :
 The haunt of jackals, where each lay,
 Shall be a place for reeds and rushes.
 And a highway shall be there, and a way, 8
 And it shall be called The way of holiness ;
 The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for them ;
 Wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.
 No lion shall be there, 9
 Nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon ;
 It shall not be found there ;
 But the redeemed shall walk *there* :
 And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, 10
 And come to Zion with songs,
 And everlasting joy upon their heads ;
 They shall obtain gladness and joy,
 And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAP. XXXVI.—Now it came to pass in the fourteenth 1
 year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria
 came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them.

- 2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to
 Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah, with a great army: and he
 stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the
 3 fuller's field. Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiab's
 son, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary,
 and Joah, Asaph's son, the remembrancer.
- 4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, "Say ye now to Hezekiah,
 Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What trust is
 5 this wherein thou trustest? Thou speakest only vain words,
 saying, *I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom*
 6 *dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Lo, thou*
trustest in the staff of this broken reed, in Egypt; whereon
if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is
 7 *Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him. But if thou*
say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God: is it not he, whose
high places and altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath
said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this
 8 *altar? Now therefore give a pledge, I pray thee, to my master*
the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses,
 9 *if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How*
then wilt thou turn back the face of one captain, of the
least of my master's servants, and put thy trust in Egypt
 10 *for chariots and for horsemen? And now am I come up*
without Jehovah against this land to destroy it? Jehovah
hath said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it."
- 11 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh,
 "Speak, we pray thee, unto thy servants in the Aramæan
 language, for we understand it; and speak not to us in the
 Jewish language, in the ears of the people that are on the
 12 wall." But Rabshakeh said, "Hath my master sent me to
 thy master and to thee to speak these words? hath he not
 sent me to the men that sit upon the wall to eat their own
 dung, and drink their own water with you?"
- 13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the
 Jewish language, and said, "Hear ye the words of the great
 14 king, the king of Assyria. Thus saith the king, Let not
 Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you.
 15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying,
 Jehovah will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given
 16 into the hand of the king of Assyria. Harken not to He-
 zekiah; for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make peace with
 me, and come out to me: and eat ye every man of his vine,

and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every man of the waters of his own cistern ; until I come and take you away ¹⁷ to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, ¹⁸ saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Have the gods of the nations delivered each his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria ? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad ? ¹⁹ where are the gods of Sepharvaim ? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand ? Who, among all the gods of these ²⁰ lands, have delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand ? ”

But they held their peace, and answered him not a word ; ²¹ for that was the king's command, saying, “ Answer him not.”

Then came Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, who was over the ²² household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah, Asaph's son, the remembrancer, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XXXVII.—And it came to pass, when the king ¹ Hezekiah heard them, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna ² the secretary, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they ³ said unto him, “ Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, and of rebuke, and of reviling ; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may be Jehovah thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, ⁴ whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which Jehovah thy God hath heard : wherefore offer thou a prayer for the remnant that is left.” ⁵

So the servants of the king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And ⁶ Isaiah said unto them, “ Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith Jehovah, Be not afraid because of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will put in him a spirit, ⁷ and he shall hear a report, and return to his own land ; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.”

So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria ⁸ warring against Libnah ; for he had heard that he was de-

9 parted from Lachish. And he heard it said concerning Tir-
 hakah king of Ethiopia, "He is come forth to make war with
 10 thee." And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Heze-
 kiah, saying, "Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah,
 saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee,
 saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the
 11 king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of
 Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and
 12 thou, shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations
 which my fathers have destroyed delivered them? Gozan,
 and Haran, and Rezeph, and the Children of Eden who
 13 were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the
 king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim,
 of Hena, and Ivalh?"

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the
 messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the
 15 house of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah. And
 Hezekiah prayed unto Jehovah, saying, "O Jehovah of
 16 hosts, God of Israel, who sittest above the cherubim, thou
 art God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth;
 17 thou hast made the heavens and the earth. Incline thine
 ear, O Jehovah, and hear; open thine eyes, O Jehovah, and
 see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he hath
 18 sent, to reproach the living God. Of a truth, O Jehovah, the
 kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their
 19 countries, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they
 were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone;
 20 therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O
 Jehovah, our God, save us from his hand, that all the king-
 doms of the earth may know that thou art Jehovah, *even*
 thou only."

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying,
 Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed
 22 to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word
 which Jehovah hath spoken concerning him:

The virgin daughter of Zion despiseth thee,
 She scorneth thee;

The daughter of Jerusalem shaketh her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed?

And against whom hast thou lifted up *thy* voice,

And raised thine eyes on high?

Against the Holy One of Israel !

By thy servants thou hast reproached the Lord, and said, 24

With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the
height of the mountains,

To the recesses of Lebanon ;

And I will cut down its lofty cedars, its choicest fir-trees ;

And I will go to its extreme height, its thickest forest :

I have digged, and drunk water ; 25

And with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the canals of
Egypt.

Hast thou not heard long ago, 26

That I have done it from ancient times, and prepared it ?

Now have I brought it to pass,

That thou shouldest lay waste fortified cities,

And make them ruinous heaps.

And their inhabitants are of small strength, 27

They are dismayed and confounded ;

They are as the herbage of the field, and the green grass,

The grass of the house-tops ;

And *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.

Thus I know thy sitting-down, and thy going-out, and thy 28
coming-in,

And thy raging against me.

Because thy raging against me, and thy presumption, 29

Have come up into mine ears,

Therefore have I put my hook in thy nose,

And my bridle in thy lips,

And I will turn thee back in the way by which thou hast
come.

And this shall be the sign to thee : 30

Eat *this* year what groweth of itself ;

And in the second year what springeth of the same :

And in the third year sow ye, and reap,

And plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

And the escaped of the house of Judah that are left 31

Shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward :

For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, 32

And the escaped out of mount Zion :

The zeal of Jehovah of hosts shall do this.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king of 33

Assyria,

He shall not come into this city,

Nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with the shield,
Nor cast up a mound against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return,
And into this city shall he not come, saith Jehovah.

35 Thus will I defend this city to save it,
For mine own sake, and for the sake of David my servant.

36 And the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the
camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thou-
sand; and when they arose early in the morning, behold, all
37 of these were dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria
departed, and went, and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.
38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of
Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons
smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land
of Ararat: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

1 CHAP. XXXVIII.—In those days was Hezekiah sick
unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came
unto him, and said unto him, “Thus saith Jehovah, Set
2 thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.” Then
Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto
3 Jehovah, and said, “Remember now, O Jehovah, I beseech
thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a
perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy
sight.” And Hezekiah wept sorely.

4 Then came the word of Jehovah to Isaiah, saying, “Go,
5 and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of David
thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears :
6 behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. And I will
deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of
7 Assyria: and I will defend this city. And this shall be the
sign unto thee from Jehovah that Jehovah will do this thing
8 that he hath spoken; Behold, I will turn back the shadow
of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun-dial of Ahaz,
ten degrees backward.” So the sun returned ten degrees,
by which degrees it was gone down.

9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been
sick, and was recovered from his sickness :

10 I said,
In my days of quietness I shall go to the gates of the grave ;

I am deprived of the residue of my years.
 I said, I shall not see Jehovah, 11
Even Jehovah, in the land of the living;
 I shall behold man no more
 Among those who have ceased to be.
 My habitation is removed, and is departed from me, 12
 As a shepherd's tent;
 I have rolled up my life, as a weaver *his web*;
 So will he cut me off from the thrum:
 Within a little space wilt thou make an end of me.
 I thought until morning, 13
 As a lion, so will he crush all my bones:
 Within a little space wilt thou make an end of me.
 Like the complaining swallow, so did I sigh; 14
 I did mourn as a dove:
 Mine eyes failed *looking* upward.
 O Jehovah, I am oppressed; give me thy protection!
 What shall I say? 15
 For he hath both promised me, and himself hath done it;
 I will walk humbly all my years,
 On account of the bitterness of my soul.
 O Lord, by these *thy promises and deeds* men live, 16
 And the life of my spirit is altogether in them:
 Therefore wilt thou strengthen me, and make me to live.
 Behold, my great bitterness *is turned* to peace; 17
 And in love hast thou delivered my soul from the pit of
 destruction;
 For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
 For the grave cannot praise thee, 18
 Death cannot celebrate thee;
 They that go down into the pit cannot look for thy truth.
 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: 19
 The father to the children shall make known thy truth.
 Jehovah *was ready* to save me; 20
 Therefore we will sing my songs to stringed instruments,
 All the days of our life, in the house of Jehovah.

For Isaiah had said, "Let them take a lump of figs, and 21
 lay it for a plaister upon the ulcer, and he shall live."
 Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I shall go 22
 up again to the house of Jehovah?"

CHAP. XXXIX.—At that time Merodach-baladan, the 1

son of Baladan king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah : for he had heard that he had been sick, and was
 2 recovered. And Hezekiah was glad on account of them, and showed the ambassadors his store-house, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and all his armoury, and all that was found in his treasures : there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not.

3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, "What said these men? and from whence
 4 came they unto thee?" And Hezekiah said, "They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon." Then said he, "What have they seen in thy house?" And Hezekiah answered, "All that is in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them."

5, 6 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of Jehovah of hosts: Behold, the days come, that all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith
 7 Jehovah. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah; "Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast spoken." He said moreover, "But there shall be peace and security in my days."

1 CHAP. XL.—Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
 Saith your God;

2 Speak ye to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
 That her warfare is accomplished,
 That her iniquity is pardoned,
 That she hath received of Jehovah's hand
 Double for all her sins.

3 A voice crieth,
 In the wilderness prepare ye the way of Jehovah,
 Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted,
 And every mountain and hill shall be made low;
 And the crooked shall become straight,
 And the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together :
For the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken *it*.

A voice said, Cry. 6
And he said, What shall I cry ?—
All flesh is grass,
And all the comeliness thereof as the flower of the field :
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, 7
When the wind of Jehovah bloweth upon it :
Truly the people is grass.
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth ; 8
But the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Get thee up upon the high mountain, 9
O thou that bringest good tidings to Zion !
Lift up thy voice with strength,
Thou that bringest good tidings to Jerusalem !
Lift it up, be not afraid ;
Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God !
Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come with might, 10
And his arm shall rule for him :
Behold, his reward is with him,
And the result of his work before him.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd ; 11
He shall gather the lambs in his arm,
And carry *them* in his bosom ;
He shall gently lead those that have young.

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, 12
And meted out the heavens with a span,
And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
And weighed the mountains in scales,
And the hills in a balance ?
Who hath directed the Spirit of Jehovah, 13
Or, *being* his counsellor, hath taught him ?
With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, 14
And taught him in the path of judgment,
And taught him knowledge,
And made known to him the way of understanding ?
Behold, the nations are as a drop of the bucket, 15
And are accounted as the dust of the balance :
Behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.
And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, 16

- Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.
 17 All nations before him are as nothing ;
 They are accounted by him as nothingness and vanity.
- 18 To whom then will ye liken God ?
 Or what likeness will ye compare unto him ?
 19 The workman melteth a graven image,
 And the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold,
 And casteth silver chains.
 20 He that hath *only* a poor oblation,
 Chooseth a tree that will not rot ;
 He seeketh unto him a cunning workman,
 To prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.
- 21 Have ye not known ? have ye not heard ?
 Hath it not been told you from the beginning ?
 Have ye not understood the foundations of the earth ?
 22 *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,
 And the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers ;
 That stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain,
 And spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in :
 23 That bringeth princes to nothing,
 That maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.
- 24 Yea, hardly are they planted, hardly are they sown,
 Hardly hath their stock taken root in the earth,
 When he also bloweth upon them, and they wither,
 And the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.
- 25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal ?
 Saith the Holy one.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold !
 Who hath created these ?
 He who bringeth out their host by number :
 He calleth them all by name ;
 By the greatness of *his* power and *his* mighty strength not
 one faileth.
- 27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel,
 My way is hid from Jehovah,
 And my just cause is passed from before my God ?
 28 Hast thou not known ? hast thou not heard ?
 The everlasting God, Jehovah,
 The creator of the ends of the earth,
 Fainteth not, neither is weary ;

There is no searching of his understanding.
 He giveth strength to the faint ; 29
 And to them that are feeble he increaseth vigour.
 Though young men faint and become weary, 30
 And chosen youths stumble and fall,
 Yet they that wait for Jehovah shall renew *their* strength ; 31
 They shall mount up with wings as eagles ;
 They shall run, and not be weary ;
 They shall walk, and not faint.

CHAP. XLI.—Keep silence before me, O ye isles ; 1
 And let the peoples renew *their* strength :
 Let them come near ; then let them speak ;
 Let us draw near together to judgment.

Who hath raised up a deliverer from the east, 2
 And called him to his foot ?
 Who hath given up nations before him,
 And subdued kings,
 So that his sword hath made them as the dust,
 As driven stubble, his bow ?
 He hath pursued them, *and* passed safely, 3
 By a path which his feet had not gone :
 Who hath wrought it and done it ? 4
 He who called forth the generations from the beginning,
 I Jehovah, *who am* the first, and with the last ;
 I am He.

The isles saw it, and feared ; 5
 The ends of the earth trembled ; they drew near, and came ;
 They helped every one his neighbour ; 6
 And said to one another, Be of good courage.
 So the graver encouraged the goldsmith, 7
 He that smootheneth *with* the hammer him that beateth *on* the
 anvil,
 Saying of the soldering, It is good :
 And they fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

But thou, Israel, my servant, 8
 Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend,
 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, 9
 And called from the extremities thereof,
 And said unto thee, Thou art my servant,
 I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away,

- 10 Fear thou not, for I am with thee ;
 Look not anxiously round, for I am thy God :
 I will strengthen thee ; yea, I will help thee ;
 Yea, I will uphold thee with my protecting right hand.
- 11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee
 Shall be ashamed and confounded ;
 They shall be as nothing ;
 And they that strive with thee shall perish.
- 12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them,
Even them that contended with thee :
 They that war against thee shall be as nothing,
 And as a thing of nought.
- 13 For I, Jehovah thy God, will take hold of thy right hand,
 Who say unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee.
- 14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, ye men of Israel ;
 I will help thee, saith Jehovah,
 Even thy redeemer the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 Behold, I will make thee *to be* a sharp threshing instrument,
 New *and* double-edged ;
 Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small,
 And shalt make the hills as chaff.
- 16 Thou shalt winnow them,
 And the wind shall carry them away,
 And the whirlwind shall scatter them :
 And thou shalt exult in Jehovah,
 Thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17 *When* the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,
When their tongue is parched with thirst,
 I, Jehovah, will answer them ;
 The God of Israel will not forsake them.
- 18 I will open rivers in bare places,
 And fountains in the midst of the valleys :
 I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
 And the dry land springs of water.
- 19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar,
 The acacia, and the myrtle, and the olive-tree ;
 I will set in the desert the fir-tree,
 The plane, and the box-tree together :
- 20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand
 together,
 That the hand of Jehovah hath done this,

And the Holy One of Israel hath effected it.

Produce your cause, saith Jehovah, 21
 Bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.
 Let them bring forth, and declare to us what shall happen : 22
 Declare the former things, what they were,
 That we may consider them, and know their issue ;
 Or let us hear of things to come.
 Declare the things that are to come hereafter, 23
 That we may know that ye are gods :
 Yea, do good, or do evil,
 That we may look, and see it together.
 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought : 24
 An abomination *is he that* chooseth you.

I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come ; 25
 From the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name :
 And he shall tread *upon* princes as *upon* mire,
 Even as the potter trampleth clay.
 Who hath declared *this* from the beginning, 26
 That we might know ?
 And beforetime, that we might say, It is right ?
 Yea, none hath declared,
 Yea, none hath proclaimed *it*,
 Yea, none hath heard your words.
 I first *said* to Zion, Behold, behold them : 27
 And gave to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.
 For I beheld, and there was no man ; 28
 Even among them, and there was no counsellor,
 That, when I asked of them, could answer a word.
 Behold, they are all vanity, their works nothing, 29
 Their molten images wind and emptiness.

CHAP. XLII.—Behold my servant, whom I uphold, 1
 My chosen one, *in whom* my soul delighteth :
 I have put my spirit upon him ;
 He shall publish right among the nations.
 He shall not cry, nor lift up his voice, 2
 Nor cause *it* to be heard in the street.
 A bruised reed shall he not break, 3
 And the feebly-burning flax shall he not quench :
 He shall publish right in truth.

- 4 He shall not grow feeble nor be discouraged,
 Till he have established right in the earth;
 And the isles shall wait for his law.
 5 Thus saith God, Jehovah,
 He that created the heavens, and stretched them out,
 He that spread forth the earth,
 And that which cometh out of it;
 He that giveth breath unto the people upon it,
 And life to them that walk therein;
 6 I Jehovah have called thee for deliverance,
 And will hold thy hand, and will keep thee,
 And give thee to be a covenant of the people,
 A light of the nations;
 7 To open the blind eyes,
 To bring forth the captive from the prison,
 Them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
 8 I am Jehovah; that is my name;
 And my glory will I not give to another,
 Neither my praise to graven images.
 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass,
 And new things do I declare:
 Before they spring forth I tell you of them.
 10 Sing unto Jehovah a new song,
 His praise from the end of the earth,
 Ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein,
 The isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*,
 The villages that Kedar doth inhabit;
 Let the inhabitants of Sela sing,
 Let them shout from the top of the mountains.
 12 Let them give glory unto Jehovah,
 And declare his praise among the isles.
 13 Jehovah shall go forth as a mighty man,
 He shall stir up *his* zeal like a man of war:
 He shall cry, yea, shout,
 He shall prevail against his enemies.
 14 I have long kept silence,
 I have been still, *and* restrained myself:
But now will I cry aloud like one in travail;
 I will pant and gasp together.
 15 I will make waste mountains and hills,
 And dry up all their herbage;

I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.
 And I will guide the blind by a way they have not known, 16
 I will lead them in paths they have not known ;
 I will make darkness light before them,
 And crooked things straight.
 These are the things which I will do for them,
 And I will not forsake them.
But they shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, 17
 That trust in graven images ;
 That say to molten images, Ye are our gods.
 Hear, ye deaf ; and look up, ye blind, that ye may see : 18
 Who is blind but my servant ? 19
 Or deaf as my messenger whom I sent ?
 Who is blind as he that hath been made my friend,
 So blind as the servant of Jehovah ?
 Seeing many things, yet thou observest not ; 20
 Opening the ears, yet he heareth not.
 Jehovah was well pleased, for his righteousness' sake, 21
 To give *them* a great and glorious law :
 And yet this is a people robbed and spoiled, 22
 Ensnared in holes, all of them, and hidden in prison houses :
 They are for a prey, and none delivereth ;
 A spoil, and none saith, Restore.
 Who among you will give ear to this ? 23
 Will attend and hearken for the time to come ?
 Who hath given Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers ? 24
 Hath not Jehovah, he against whom we have sinned ?
 In whose ways they would not walk,
 Neither would they hearken unto his law :
 Therefore he hath poured upon them the fury of his anger, 25
 And the strength of battle ;
 And it hath set them on fire round about,
 Yet they knew not ;
 And it consumed them, yet they laid it not to heart.

CHAP. XLIII.—But now, thus saith Jehovah who created 1
 thee, O Jacob,
 And he that formed thee, O Israel :
 Fear not, for I have redeemed thee ;
 I have called *thee* by thy name, thou art mine.
 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, 2
 And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm thee ;
 When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned ;

Neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

- 3 For I am Jehovah thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy saviour :
I have given Egypt *for* thy ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba for thee.
- 4 Because thou art precious in my sight,
Thou hast been honoured,
And I have loved thee, and I will give men for thee,
And people for thy life.
- 5 Fear not, for I am with thee :
I will bring thy seed from the east,
And gather thee from the west ;
- 6 I will say to the north, Give up ;
And to the south, Keep not back :
Bring my sons from afar,
And my daughters from the end of the earth,
- 7 *Even* every one called by my name :
Whom I have created for my glory,
Whom I have formed, and also made.

- 8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes,
And the deaf that have ears :

- 9 Let all the nations be gathered together,
And let the peoples be assembled :
Who among them can declare this,
And tell us of former things ?

Let them give their witnesses, that they may be justified,

- That *men* may hear, and say, *It is* truth.

- 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah,
And my servant, whom I have chosen,
That ye may know and believe me,
And understand that I am he :
Before me there was no God formed,
Neither shall there be after me :

- 11 I, *even* I, *am* Jehovah ; and beside me there is no saviour.

- 12 I have declared, and saved, and proclaimed,
When *there was* no strange *god* among you :
Therefore ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah,
That I am God.

- 13 Yea, from the beginning, I am he ;
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand :
I will work, and who shall turn it back ?

Thus saith Jehovah, your redeemer, 14
 The Holy One of Israel :
 For your sake I have sent to Babylon,
 And have made all her fugitives, and the Chaldeans,
 Go down to the ships *wherein* they rejoiced.
 I am Jehovah, your Holy One, 15
 The Creator of Israel, your King.
 Thus saith Jehovah, 16
 Who made a way in the sea,
 And a path in the mighty waters,
 Who brought forth chariot and horse, 17
With the army of warriors :
 They lay down together, they arose not ;
 They were extinguished, like tow were they quenched :
 —Remember not the former things, 18
 Neither consider the things of old :
 Behold, I will do a new thing ; 19
 Now it shall spring forth ; shall ye not know it ?
 Yea, I will make a way in the wilderness,
 Rivers in the desert :
 The beast of the field shall honour me, 20
 The jackals and the ostriches,
 Because I have given waters in the wilderness,
 Rivers in the desert,
 To give drink to my people, my chosen.
 This people have I formed for myself ; 21
 They shall show forth my praise.
 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob ; 22
 For thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.
 Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt 23
 offerings ;
 Neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices.
 I have not made thee to serve with offerings,
 Nor wearied thee with incense.
 Thou hast bought me no spice-cane with money, 24
 Neither hast thou satiated me with the fat of thy sacrifices :
 But thou hast made me to serve with thy sins,
 Thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.
 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions, 25
 For mine own sake ;
 And I will not remember thy sins.
 Put me in remembrance ; let us plead together ; 26

Declare thou, that thou mayest justify thyself.

- 27 Thy first father sinned,
And thy teachers transgressed against me :
28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
And have given Jacob to the curse,
And Israel to reproaches.

1 CHAP. XLIV.—Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant ;
And Israel, whom I have chosen :

2 Thus saith Jehovah, who made thee,
And formed thee from the womb, *and* helpeth thee :

Fear not, O Jacob, my servant ;
And thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen ;

3 For I will pour water upon the thirsty *land*,
And floods upon the dry ground ;

I will pour my spirit upon thy seed,
And my blessing upon thine offspring :

4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass,
Like willows by the water-courses.

5 One shall say, I am Jehovah's,
And another shall celebrate the name of Jacob ;
And another shall inscribe his hand unto Jehovah,
And use the name of Israel as an honourable name.

6 Thus saith Jehovah, the king of Israel,
And his redeemer, Jehovah of hosts :

I am the first, and I am the last ;
And beside me there is no God.

7 And who, like me, hath announced ?

Let him declare it, and set it in order before me,
Since I established the people of ancient time ?
And the things that are coming, and shall come,
Let them declare.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid :

Have not I told thee long ago, and declared it ?
And ye are my witnesses :

Is there a God beside me ?

Yea, there is no Rock ; I know not *any*.

9 They that make graven images are all of them vanity ;
And the things they delight in shall not profit ;
And they are their own witnesses.

They see not, nor know, that they may be ashamed.

Who hath formed a god, 10

Or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?

Behold, all his companions shall be ashamed; 11

And the workmen, they are of men:

Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up;

They shall fear, they shall be ashamed together.

The worker in iron *maketh* an axe, 12

And worketh in the coals,

And fashioneth it with hammers,

And worketh it with the strength of his arms:

He also becometh hungry, and his strength faileth;

If he drinketh no water he is faint.

The worker in wood stretcheth out a line; 13

He marketh it out with an awl,

He shapeth it with chisels,

And he marketh it out with the compass:

Thus he maketh it in the figure of a man,

According to the beauty of a man;

That it may remain in the house.

He heweth him down cedars, 14

And taketh the ilex and the terebinth,

Which he chooseth for himself among the trees of the
forest:

He planteth an ash, and the rain maketh it grow.

It also serveth for a man to burn: 15

And he taketh some of it, and warmeth himself;

He also kindleth a fire, and baketh bread;

Yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it,

He maketh it a graven image, and falleth down to it!

He burneth part thereof in the fire; 16

With part thereof he eateth flesh;

He roasteth meat, and is satisfied;

Yea, he warmeth *himself*, and saith,

Aha, I am warm, I see the fire:

And of the residue thereof he maketh a god, 17

Even his graven image!

He falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it,

And prayeth unto it, and saith,

Deliver me; for thou art my god!

They have not known nor understood; 18

For he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see,

- Their hearts, that they cannot understand.
- 19 And none considereth in his heart,
Neither hath he knowledge or understanding to say,
I have burned part of it in the fire,
Yea, also, I have baked bread upon the embers thereof,
I have roasted flesh, and eaten it ;
And shall I make the remainder of it an abomination ?
Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree ?
- 20 He feedeth on ashes ;
His heart is deceived ; it leadeth him astray ;
So that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say,
Is there not falsehood in my right hand ?
- 21 Remember these things, O Jacob and Israel ;
For thou art my servant :
I have formed thee ; thou art my servant :
O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.
- 22 I have blotted out, as a dark cloud, thy transgressions,
And, as a cloud, thy sins :
Return unto me ; for I have redeemed thee.
- 23 Sing, O ye heavens ; for Jehovah hath done it ;
Shout, ye lower regions of the earth :
Break forth into singing, ye mountains,
O forest, and every tree therein :
For Jehovah hath redeemed Jacob,
And glorified himself in Israel.
- 24 Thus saith Jehovah, thy redeemer,
And he that formed thee from the womb,
I am Jehovah who made all *things* ;
Who stretched forth the heavens alone ;
Who spread abroad the earth by myself ;
- 25 Who frustrateth the signs of deceivers,
And maketh diviners foolish ;
Who turneth wise *men* backward,
And maketh their knowledge vain ;
- 26 Who establisheth the word of his servant,
And performeth the counsel of his messengers ;
Who saith of Jerusalem, She shall be inhabited,
And of the cities of Judah, They shall be rebuilt,
And I will restore her ruined places :
- 27 Who saith to the deep, Be dry ; and, I will dry up thy
rivers :

Who saith of Cyrus, *He is my shepherd,* 28
 And shall perform all my pleasure :
 Saying to Jerusalem, She shall be rebuilt ;
 And *to* the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

CHAP. XLV.—Thus saith Jehovah to his anointed, 1
Even to Cyrus,
 Whom I hold by his right hand
 To subdue nations before him ;
 And *for whom* I will loosen the loins of kings,
 To open before him the two-leaved doors ;
 And that the gates may not be shut :
 I will go before thee, and make the uneven places straight ; 2
 I will break in pieces the doors of brass,
 And cut in sunder the bars of iron :
 And I will give thee the treasures *concealed in* darkness, 3
 And hidden riches of secret places,
 That thou mayest know that *I am* Jehovah,
 Who calleth *thee* by thy name, the God of Israel.
 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen one, 4
 I have called thee by thy name :
 I have given thee an honourable name,
 Though thou hast not known me.
 I am Jehovah, and there is none else, 5
 There is no God beside me :
 I have girded thee, though thou hast not known me ;
 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from 6
 the west,
 That there is none beside me :
 I am Jehovah, and there is none else.
 I form the light, and create darkness ; 7
 I make peace, and create evil ;
 I Jehovah do all these *things*.
 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, 8
 And let the skies pour down deliverance :
 Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation,
 And let deliverance spring up together ;
 I Jehovah have effected it.

Woe unto him that striveth with his maker, 9
 A potsherd of the potsherds of the ground !
 Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest
 thou ?

Or thy work, He hath no hands ?

10 Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What hast thou begotten ?

Or to *his* mother, What hast thou brought forth ?

Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his maker :

Ask me of things to come ;
Concerning my children,
And concerning the work of my hands,
Commit them to me.

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it :
I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens,
And all their host have I commanded.

13 I have raised him up for deliverance,
And I will direct all his ways :
He shall rebuild my city, and shall let go my captives,
Not for price nor reward, saith Jehovah of hosts.

14 Thus saith Jehovah, The labour of Egypt,
And merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans,
Men of stature,
Shall pass over unto thee, and shall be thine :
They shall come after thee ; in chains they shall pass over ;
And they shall bow down to thee,
They shall make supplication to thee,
Saying, Surely God is with thee,
And there is none else, no *other* God.

15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself,
O God of Israel, who savest !

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them ;
They shall come to confusion together, the makers of idols.

17 Israel shall be saved by Jehovah
With an everlasting salvation ;
Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded for ever and ever.

18 For thus saith Jehovah, who created the heavens ;
God himself, who formed the earth and made it ;
He *who* established it,
Who created it not in vain, *and* formed it to be inhabited :
I am Jehovah ; and there is none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth ;
I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain ;
I Jehovah speak righteousness, I declare what is right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come ;

Draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations :
They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven
image,

And pray unto a god that cannot save.

Declare, and bring *them* near ;

21

Yea, let them take counsel together :

Who hath proclaimed this of old ?

Who hath declared it from that time ?

Have not I Jehovah ? beside whom there is no other God ?

A just God and one that saveth, there is none beside me.

Turn unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth ; 22

For I am God, and there is none else.

I have sworn by myself,

23

The truth is gone forth from my mouth,

The word, and it shall not return,

That unto me every knee shall bow,

Every tongue shall swear.

Only in Jehovah, shall *one* say to me,

24

Is deliverance and strength :

Unto him shall come, and shall be ashamed,

All that were incensed against him.

In Jehovah shall all the seed of Israel be justified,

25

And shall make their boast.

CHAP. XLVI.—Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth ;

1

Their images are for the beasts, and for the cattle :

The things which ye carried *are* lifted up,

A burden to the weary *beast*.

They stoop, they bow down together ;

2

They cannot deliver the burden,

But themselves go into captivity.

Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob,

3

And all the remnant of the house of Israel,

Who have been lifted up *by me*, from your birth,

And carried, from the womb :

Even to *your* old age I am He ;

4

Even to hoary hairs will I bear *you* :

I have made, and I will carry,

Even I will bear, and will deliver *you*.

To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal,

5

And compare me, that we may be like ?

- 6 They lavish gold out of the bag,
And weigh silver in the balance ;
They hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god ;
They fall down, yea, they worship !
- 7 They lift him upon the shoulder, they bear him,
And set him in his place, and he standeth ;
From his place he cannot move :
Yea, *one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer,
Nor save him out of his trouble.
- 8 Remember this, and show yourselves men :
Bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.
- 9 Remember the former things of old,
That I am God, and there is none else ;
I am God, and there is none like me,
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done,
Saying, My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all my pleasure :
- 11 Calling the bird of prey from the east,
The man that executeth my counsel from a far country :
Yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass ;
I have devised it, I will also do it.
- 12 Harken unto me, ye obstinate,
That *are* far from deliverance :
- 13 I bring near my deliverance ; it shall not be far off,
And my salvation shall not tarry :
And I will give to Zion salvation, to Israel my glory.
- 1 CHAP. XLVII.—Come down, and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon !
Sit on the ground, without throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans !
For thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
- 2 Take the millstones, and grind meal :
Raise thy veil, lift up the skirt,
Uncover the leg, pass through the rivers.
- 3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered,
Yea, thy shame shall be seen :
I will take vengeance, and I will spare no man.
- 4 Our redeemer, Jehovah of hosts is his name,
The Holy One of Israel.
- 5 Sit thou silent, and go into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans !

For thou shalt no more be called, The mistress of kingdoms.
 I was wroth with my people, I profaned mine inheritance, 6
 And gave them into thy hand:
 Thou didst show them no mercy;
 Upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.
 And thou saidst, I shall be mistress for ever: 7
 So that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart,
 Neither didst thou remember the latter end of it.
 Therefore hear now this, thou voluptuous one, 8
 That sittest in confidence, saying in thy heart,
 I am, and none else beside me;
 I shall not sit as a widow,
 Neither shall I know the loss of children:
 But these two *things* shall come to thee, 9
 In a moment, in one day,
 The loss of children, and widowhood:
 In full measure shall they come upon thee,
 In the multitude of thy sorceries,
 In the great abundance of thine enchantments.
 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; 10
 Thou hast said, None seeth me.
 Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, they have perverted thee;
 And thou hast said in thy heart,
 I am, and none else beside me.
 Therefore shall evil come upon thee, 11
Which thou shalt not know how to charm away;
 And calamity shall fall upon thee,
Which thou shalt not be able to avert;
 And destruction shall come upon thee suddenly,
Which thou shalt not know.
 Persist now in thine enchantments, 12
 And in the multitude of thy sorceries,
 Wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth;
 If so be thou canst profit *by them*,
 If so be thou canst terrify.
 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels: 13
 Let them stand up now and save thee,
 The astrologers, the star-gazers, the new-moon prognosticators,
 From what shall come upon thee.
 Behold, they shall be as stubble; 14
 The fire shall burn them;
 They shall not deliver themselves from the power of the
 flame:

*It shall not be a heat to warm oneself at,
A fire before which to sit!*

- 15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured,
Those with whom thou hast traded from thy youth:
They shall depart each to his own border;
None shall save thee.

- 1 CHAP. XLVIII.—Hear ye this, O house of Jacob,
Ye who are called by the name of Israel,
And are come forth from the waters of Judah;
Who swear by the name of Jehovah,
And celebrate the God of Israel,
But not in truth, nor in righteousness:
2 For they call themselves of the holy city,
And lean upon the God of Israel,
Whose name is Jehovah of hosts:
3 I declared the former things long ago;
And they went forth out of my mouth,
And I proclaimed them;
Suddenly I did *them*, and they came to pass.
4 Because I knew that thou art stubborn,
And that thy neck is a sinew of iron, and thy brow brass,
5 Therefore I declared it to thee long ago,
Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to thee;
Lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them,
And my graven image, and my molten image, hath com-
manded them.
6 Thou hast heard, behold it all *fulfilled*;
And ye, will ye not acknowledge it?
I proclaim new things to thee from this time,
Even hidden things, which thou didst not know.
7 Now are they effected, and not long ago,
Or before to-day, and thou hadst not heard of them,
Lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.
8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not;
Yea, from of old thine ear was not opened:
For I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously,
And be called a transgressor, from the womb.
9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger,
And for my praise will I restrain myself towards thee,
That I may not cut thee off.

Behold, I have refined thee, but found no silver ; 10
 I have proved thee in the furnace of affliction.
 For mine own sake, for mine own sake, I do it : 11
 For *otherwise* how would *my name* be profaned !
 And I will not give my glory unto another.

Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called ; 12
 I am he ; I am the first, I also am the last.
 My hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, 13
 And my right hand hath spread out the heavens :
 I call unto them, they stand up together.
 Assemble yourselves, all of you, and hear ; 14
 Which among them hath declared these things ?
 He whom Jehovah hath loved shall do his pleasure on Baby-
 lon,
 And his arm *shall be* on the Chaldeans.
 I, *even* I, have spoken ; yea, I have called him : 15
 I have brought him, and he shall prosper in his way.

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this ; 16
 I have not spoken in secret from the beginning ;
 From the time that it was, there am I :
 And now the Lord Jehovah, and his spirit, hath sent me.
 Thus saith Jehovah, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel ; 17
 I am Jehovah thy God who teacheth thee to profit,
 Who leadeth thee by the way thou shouldest go.
 Oh that thou hadst attended to my commandments ! 18
 Then had thy peace been as a river,
 And thy righteousness as the waves of the sea :
 Thy seed also had been as the sand *thereof*, 19
 And the offspring of thy bowels like *that of* its bowels ;
 His name should not have been cut off,
 Nor destroyed from before me.

Go ye forth from Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans : 20
 With the voice of singing declare ye, proclaim this,
 Let it go forth to the end of the earth ;
 Say ye, Jehovah hath redeemed his servant Jacob.
 And they shall not thirst in the deserts through which he 21
 leadeth them ;

He causeth the waters to flow out of the rock for them :
 He shall cleave the rock also, and the waters shall gush out.

There is no peace, saith Jehovah, unto the wicked. 22

- 1 CHAP. XLIX.—Listen, O isles, unto me,
 And attend, ye peoples, from afar :
 Jehovah called me from the womb ;
 From the bowels of my mother he hath kept in remembrance
 my name.
- 2 And he made my mouth like a sharp sword ;
 In the shadow of his hand he hid me,
 And made me a polished shaft ;
 In his quiver he concealed me ;
- 3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant,
 O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.
- 4 Then I said, I have laboured vainly,
 I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain
Yet surely my cause is with Jehovah,
 And my work with my God.
- 5 And now, saith Jehovah,
 Who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
 To bring Jacob again to him,
 That Israel may be gathered to him,
 That I may be honoured in the eyes of Jehovah,
 That my God may be my strength :
- 6 Thus he saith,
 It is a slight thing that thou shouldest be my servant,
 To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
 And to restore the preserved of Israel :
 I will also give thee to be a light to the nations,
 That my salvation may be *extended* to the end of the earth.
- 7 Thus saith Jehovah, the Redeemer of Israel,
And his Holy One,
 To him that is despised of men, abhorred by the nation,
 To the servant of rulers :
 Kings shall see and arise, princes, and they shall bow down,
 Because of Jehovah who is faithful,
 The Holy One of Israel, who shall choose thee.
- 8 Thus saith Jehovah,
 In an acceptable time have I answered thee,
 And in a day of salvation have I helped thee ;
 And I will preserve thee,
 And give thee to be a covenant of the people,
 To restore the land,
 To cause the desolate heritages to be inherited ;
- 9 That thou mayest say to them that are bound, Go forth
 To them that are in darkness, Show yourselves.

They shall feed in the ways,
 And *find* their pasture on all bare places.
 They shall not hunger nor thirst ; 10
 Neither shall the heat of the sun smite them :
 For he that hath mercy on them shall lead them,
 And by fountains of water shall he guide them.
 And I will make all my mountains a way, 11
 And my highways shall be raised.
 Behold these shall come from afar ; 12
 And, behold, these from the north and from the west ;
 And these from the land of Sinim.

Sing, O heavens ; and exult, O earth ; 13
 And break forth into singing, O mountains :
 For Jehovah hath comforted his people,
 And will have mercy upon his afflicted.

But Zion saith, Jehovah hath forsaken me, 14
 And the Lord hath forgotten me.
 Can a woman forget her sucking child, 15
 So as not to have compassion on the son of her womb ?
 Yea, these may forget, yet will not I forget thee.
 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands ; 16
 Thy walls are continually before me.
 Thy children shall make haste : 17
 They that overthrew and laid thee waste shall go forth from
 thee.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold : 18
 All these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee.
 As I live, saith Jehovah,
 Thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an
 ornament,

And bind them *upon thee*, as a bride *doth*.
 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and thy devastated land, 19
 Shall surely now be too narrow, by reason of inhabitants,
 And they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.
 The children of whom thou hast been bereaved, 20
 Shall again say in thine ears,

The place is too narrow for me ;
 Make room for me that I may dwell.
 Then shalt thou say in thy heart, 21
 Who hath borne me these,
 Seeing I *have been* bereaved and barren,

- A captive, and an exile ?
 Who, then, hath brought up these ?
 Behold, I was left alone ; these, where *were* they ?
- 22 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
 Behold I will lift up my hand to the nations,
 And set up my standard to the peoples ;
 And they shall bring thy sons in *their* bosom,
 And thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.
- 23 And kings shall be thy nursing-fathers,
 And their queens thy nursing-mothers :
 They shall bow down to thee with *their* face to the ground,
 And lick the dust of thy feet ;
 And thou shalt know that I *am* Jehovah :
 They that wait for me shall not be ashamed.
- 24 Shall the prey be taken from the valiant,
 Or the rightful captive delivered ?
- 25 Yea, thus saith Jehovah,
 Even the captive of the valiant shall be taken,
 And the prey of the terrible shall be delivered :
 For I will contend with him that contendeth with thee,
 And I will save thy children.
- 26 And I will make them that oppress thee eat their own flesh ;
 And they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with
 new wine :
 And all flesh shall know that I Jehovah am thy Saviour,
 And thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.
- 1 CHAP. L.—Thus saith Jehovah,
 Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement,
 With which I have put her away ?
 Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you ?
 Behold, for your iniquities have ye been sold,
 And for your transgressions is your mother put away.
- 2 Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man ?
 When I called *was there* none to answer ?
 Is my hand so greatly shortened, that it cannot redeem ?
 Or have I no power to deliver ?
 Behold with my rebuke I dry up the sea,
 I make the rivers a wilderness ;
 Their fish putrify for want of water, and die for thirst :
- 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,
 And make sackcloth their covering.

The Lord Jehovah hath given me the tongue of the in- 4
 structed,
 That I may know how to assist the weary with my word.
 He wakeneth, morning by morning,
 He wakeneth mine ear, to hear as the instructed.
 The Lord Jehovah hath opened mine ear, 5
 And I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward ;
 I gave my back to the smiters, 6
 And my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair :
 I hid not my face from insult and spitting.
 But the Lord Jehovah will help me, 7
 Therefore shall I not be confounded ;
 Therefore have I made my face like a flint,
 And I know that I shall not be put to shame.
 He that justifieth me is near ; 8
 Who will contend with me ? let us stand up together :
 Who is mine adversary ? let him come near to me.
 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will help me ; 9
 Who is he that shall condemn me ?
 Lo, they all shall become old as a garment ;
 The moth shall eat them up.

Who is *he* among you that feareth Jehovah, 10
 That hearkeneth to the voice of his servant,
 That walketh *in* darkness, and hath no light ?
 Let him trust in the name of Jehovah,
 And rely upon his God.
 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, 11
 That gird yourselves with burning darts,
 Walk in the light of your fire,
 And in the burning darts *that* ye have kindled :
 This shall ye have of my hand, ye shall lie down in sorrow.

CHAP. LI.—Hearken to me, 1
 Ye that follow after righteousness,
 Ye that seek Jehovah :
 Look unto the rock *whence* ye were hewn,
 And to the hollow of the pit *whence* ye were digged :
 Look unto Abraham your father, 2
 And unto Sarah *that* bare you ;
 For *as* I called him *when* alone,
 And blessed him, and increased him,

- 3 So Jehovah shall comfort Zion ;
He will comfort all her waste places ;
And he will make her wilderness like Eden,
And her desert like the garden of Jehovah :
Joy and gladness shall be found therein,
Thanksgiving, and the sound of melody.
- 4 Attend unto me, ye peoples,
And give ear unto me, ye nations ;
For a law shall go forth from me,
And I will establish my statutes for a light of the peoples.
- 5 My deliverance is near ; my salvation goeth forth,
And mine arms shall judge the peoples ;
The isles shall wait for me,
And on mine arm shall they trust.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look upon the earth beneath :
For the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,
And the earth shall become old like a garment,
And they that dwell therein shall die like a gnat.
But my salvation shall be for ever,
And my righteousness shall not be annulled.
- 7 Harken unto me, ye that know righteousness,
The people in whose heart is my law ;
Fear ye not the reproach of men,
Neither be dismayed at their revilings.
- 8 For the moth shall devour them like a garment,
Yea, the moth shall devour them like wool :
But my righteousness shall be for ever,
And my salvation from generation to generation.
- 9 Awake ! awake ! put on strength, O arm of Jehovah ;
Awake ! as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.
Art not thou the same that didst cut down Rahab,
That woundedst the sea-monster ?
- 10 Art not thou the same that didst dry up the sea,
The waters of the great deep ;
That madest the depths of the sea a way
For the redeemed to pass over ?
- 11 Therefore the ransomed of Jehovah shall return,
And come to Zion with songs,
And everlasting joy upon their head :

They shall obtain gladness and joy ;
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

I, *even* I, am he that comforteth you : 12
Who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of man that
shall die,

And of the son of man *that* shall be made *as* grass ;
And forgettest Jehovah thy Maker, 13

Who stretched forth the heavens,
And laid the foundations of the earth ;
And fearest continually every day
Because of the fury of the oppressor,
When he taketh aim to destroy ?

But where is the fury of the oppressor ?
Soon shall the bending *prisoner* be released, 14

And he shall not die in the pit, nor shall his bread fail.
For I am Jehovah thy God, 15

Who stilleth the sea, when its waves roar :
Jehovah of hosts is his name.

And I will put my words in thy mouth, 16

And cover thee in the shadow of my hand,
To plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth,
And say unto Zion, thou art my people.

Awake ! awake ! stand up, O Jerusalem, 17
Which hast drunk at the hand of Jehovah the cup of his
fury ;

The goblet cup of giddiness thou hast drunk,
Drunk to the dregs.
There is none to guide her, 18

Of all the sons whom she hath borne,
Nor one that taketh her by the hand,
Of all the sons that she hath brought up.

These two things are come upon thee, who doth pity thee ? 19
Desolation and destruction, and famine and the sword :
How shall I comfort thee ?

Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, 20
Like a wild bull in a net :

They are full of the fury of Jehovah,
The rebuke of thy God.

Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, 21
And drunken, but not with wine :

Thus saith thy Lord, Jehovah, 22

And thy God who pleadeth the cause of his people,
Behold, I have taken out of thy hand the cup of giddiness,
The goblet cup of my fury ;
Thou shalt not drink of it again :

- 23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee ;
Who have said to thy soul,
Bow down, that we may pass over thee ;
And thou madest thy body as the ground,
And as the street, to them that passed over.

1 CHAP. LII.—Awake ! awake !

Put on thy strength, O Zion !

Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, thou holy city !
For not again shall the uncircumcised or the unclean enter
into thee.

- 2 Shake thyself from the dust ; arise, *and* sit, O Jerusalem !
Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,
O captive daughter of Zion !

- 3 For thus saith Jehovah,
Ye were sold for nought,
And without money shall ye be redeemed.

- 4 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
My people went down formerly into Egypt to sojourn there ;
And the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

- 5 Now therefore, what *gain* have I in this, saith Jehovah,
That my people is taken away for nought ?
They that rule them ery exultingly *over them*, saith Jehovah ;
And my name is blasphemed continually, every day.

- 6 Therefore my people shall know my name ;
Therefore in that day *they shall know* that I am he that pro-
mised ;
Behold, *it is I* !

- 7 How beautiful, upon the mountains,
Are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
That publisheth peace !
That bringeth good tidings of good,
That publisheth salvation ;
That saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth !

- 8 The voice of thy watchmen !
They lift up the voice together ; they shout aloud ;
For face to face they shall see Jehovah return to Zion.

Break forth into singing together, 9
 Ye waste places of Jerusalem :
 For Jehovah hath comforted his people,
 He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
 Jehovah hath made bare his holy arm 10
 In the sight of all the nations ;
 And all the ends of the earth
 Shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart ye ! depart ye ! come ye out from thence, 11
 Touch no unclean *thing* ;
 Come ye out of the midst of her ;
 Be ye pure, who carry the vessels of Jehovah :
 For not in haste shall ye come out, 12
 Nor in flight shall ye pass along ;
 For Jehovah shall go before you ;
 And the God of Israel shall guard your rear.

Behold, my servant shall act prudently, 13
 He shall be exalted and lifted up, and be very high.
 As many were amazed at thee, 14
 (His visage was so marred more than any man's,
 And his form, more than the sons of men,)
 So shall he cause many nations to admire ; 15
 Kings shall shut their mouths at him :
 For that which had not been told them shall they see ;
 And that which they had not heard shall they understand.

CHAP. LIII.- *But* who hath believed our report ? 1
 And to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed ?
 For he hath grown up before him as a young plant, 2
 And as a root out of dry ground :
 He *had* no form nor comeliness, that we should look at him,
 And no *beauty of* visage that we should delight in him ;
 Despised and forsaken of men, 3
 A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,
 And as one who hideth his face from us,
 He *was* despised, and we esteemed him not.
 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows : 4
 And we did esteem him stricken,
 Smitten of God, and afflicted.
 But he was wounded for our transgressions, 5
 Bruised for our iniquities :

- The chastisement of our peace was upon him ;
 And with his stripes we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray ;
 We have turned every one to his own way ;
 And Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
 Yet he opened not his mouth :
 He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
 And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
 So he openeth not his mouth.
- 8 By ill-treatment and by judgment he was taken away ;
 And who of his generation considereth
 That he was cut off out of the land of the living
 For the transgression of my people, stricken for them ?
- 9 And *they* gave *him* his grave with the wicked,
 And with the ungodly, in his death ;
 Although he had done no violence,
 Neither *was any* deceit in his mouth :
- 10 Thus it pleased Jehovah to bruise him, *and to afflict him.*
- Although his soul maketh an offering for sin,
 He shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days,
 And the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand.
- 11 Free from the travail of his soul,
 He shall see *and* be satisfied :
 By his knowledge my righteous servant shall make many
 righteous,
 For he shall bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore will I give him a portion with the great,
 And he shall divide the spoil with the strong ;
 Because he hath poured out his soul unto death,
 And was numbered with the transgressors ;
 For he bare the sin of many,
 And made intercession for the transgressors.

- 1 CHAP. LIV.—Sing, O barren, that didst not bear ;
 Break forth into singing, and cry aloud,
 Thou that didst not travail ;
 For more are the children of the desolate *one*
 Than the children of the married wife, saith Jehovah.
- 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent,
 And let the curtains of thy habitations stretch forth,

Spare *them* not, lengthen thy cords,
 And make firm thy stakes;
 For thou shalt burst forth, 3
 On the right hand and on the left;
 And thy seed shall inherit the nations,
 And make the deserted cities to be inhabited.
 Fear thou not, for thou shalt not be ashamed; 4
 Neither be thou confounded,
 For thou shalt not be put to shame:
 For thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth,
 And shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any
 more.

For thy Maker is thy husband; 5
 Jehovah of hosts is his name;
 And thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel;
 The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
 For Jehovah hath recalled thee; 6
 As a wife forsaken and lonely in spirit,
 And *as* the wife of *one's* youth,
 Though thou hast been rejected, saith thy God.
 For a little moment have I forsaken thee, 7
 But with great mercies will I take thee back.
 In sudden wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; 8
 But with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee,
 Saith Jehovah thy Redeemer.
 For *as* the waters of Noah *shall* this *be* unto me: 9
 As when I swore that the waters of Noah should no more
 pass over the earth;
 So have I sworn that I will not be wroth with thee *again*,
 Nor rebuke thee.
 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be shaken, 10
 But my kindness shall not depart from thee,
 Neither shall the covenant of my peace be shaken,
 Saith Jehovah who hath mercy on thee.

O thou afflicted, tempest-tossed, disconsolate, 11
 Behold, I will lay thy stones in vermilion,
 And thy foundations with sapphires.
 And I will make thy battlements of rubies, 12
 And thy gates of carbuncles,
 And all thy borders of precious stones.
 And all thy children shall be taught of Jehovah, 13

- And great shall be the peace of thy children.
 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established :
 Far be thou from anxiety, for thou shalt have no fear :
 And from terror, for it shall not come near thee.
 15 Behold, if any be leagued *against thee*,
 It cometh not from me ;
 Whoever shall league against thee shall fall before thee.
 16 Behold, I create the workman that bloweth up the coals
 into a fire,
 And bringeth forth the weapon for its work ;
 And I create the destroyer to lay waste.
 17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper ;
 And every tongue that riseth against thee in judgment thou
 shalt refute.
 This is the heritage of the servants of Jehovah,
 And the reward of their righteousness from me, saith
 Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. LV.—Ho, every one that thirsteth,
 Come ye to the waters ;
 And he that hath no money, come ye, buy, and eat ;
 Yea, come, buy wine and milk,
 Without money and without price.
 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread ?
 And your labour for that which satisfieth not ?
 Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye what is good,
 And let your soul delight itself in fatness.
 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me ;
 Hear, and your soul shall live ;
 And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
Even the sure mercies of David.
 4 Behold, I gave him *to be* a lawgiver to the peoples,
 A leader and commander to the peoples :
 5 Behold, *even so* shalt thou call a nation that thou knowest
 not,
 And nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee,
 For the sake of Jehovah thy God,
 And for the Holy One of Israel,
 Because he hath glorified thee.
 6 Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found,
 Call ye upon him while he is near :

Let the wicked forsake his way, 7
 And the unrighteous man his thoughts :
 And let him return unto Jehovah,
 And he will have mercy upon him ;
 And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, 8
 Neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah.
 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, 9
 So are my ways higher than your ways,
 And my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, 10
 And returneth not thither, but watereth the earth,
 And maketh it bring forth and bud,
 That it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater :
 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth ; 11
 It shall not return unto me void,
 But shall accomplish that which I please,
 And shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I have sent it.
 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace ; 12
 The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you
 into singing,
 And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
 Instead of the thorn-bush shall come up the fir-tree, 13
 And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle ;
 And it shall be to Jehovah for a name,
 For an everlasting sign, which shall not be cut off.

CHAP. LVI.—Thus saith Jehovah, 1
 Observe ye justice, and do righteousness ;
 For my salvation is near to come,
 And my deliverance to be revealed.
 Blessed is the man that doeth this, 2
 And the son of man that layeth hold on it,
 That keepeth the sabbath so as not to profane it,
 And keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Neither let the son of the stranger, 3
 That hath joined himself to Jehovah, speak, saying,
 Jehovah hath utterly separated me from his people :
 Neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.
 For thus saith Jehovah unto the eunuchs that keep my 4
 sabbaths,

- And choose *the things* that please me,
 And hold fast by my covenant ;
- 5 Even unto them will I give in my house,
 And within my walls,
 A memorial and a name better than sons and daughters ;
 I will give them an everlasting name,
 That shall not be cut off.
- 6 Also the sons of the stranger,
 That join themselves to Jehovah, to serve him,
 And to love the name of Jehovah, to be his servants,
 Every one that keepeth the sabbath, so as not to profane it,
 And holdeth fast by my covenant,
- 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain,
 And make them rejoice in my house of prayer :
 Their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted
 upon mine altar ;
 For my house shall be called a house of prayer
 For all the peoples.
- 8 Saith the Lord Jehovah, he who gathereth the outcasts of
 Israel :
 I will yet gather *others* to him, beside his own gathered *ones*.
- 9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour,
 Yea, all ye beasts of the forest.
- 10 His watchmen are all blind, they know nothing,
 They are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark ;
 Dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.
- 11 Yet, *they are* greedy dogs which cannot be satisfied ;
 And the shepherds themselves cannot understand :
 They all turn their own way,
 Each man to his gain, on every side,
- 12 *Saying*, Come ye, let me fetch wine,
 And let us fill ourselves with strong drink ;
 And to-morrow shall be as to-day, *and* even much more
 abundant.
- 1 CHAP. LVII.—*Thus* the righteous perisheth,
 And no man layeth it to heart ;
 And merciful men *are* taken away,
 While none considereth that for the evil *of others*
 The righteous is taken away.
- 2 He entereth into peace ;
 They rest in their beds,

Each one who walketh in his uprightness.

But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, 3

Ye seed of the adulterer and the harlot!

Against whom do ye sport yourselves? 4

Against whom do ye make wide the mouth,

And put out the tongue?

Are ye not the offspring of transgression,

A seed of falsehood,

Who enflame yourselves with idols under every green tree; 5

Who slay children in the valleys,

Under the cliffs of the rocks?

Among the smooth *stones* of the valley is thy portion; 6

These, these *are* thy lot:

To them also hast thou poured a drink-offering,

Thou hast brought a meal-offering:

Shall I be comforted for these things?

Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set up thy 7
bed;

Even thither goest thou up to offer sacrifice.

And behind the door and the door-posts hast thou set up 8
thy remembrance:

For thou hast uncovered *thyself to others* than me;

And thou hast gone up, thou hast enlarged thy bed,

And made thee a covenant with them;

Thou lovest their bed, thou choosest a place *in it*.

And thou proceedest to the king, *anointed* with ointment, 9

And multipliest thy perfumes,

And sendest thy messengers afar,

And debasest thyself *even* to the grave.

With the length of thy way thou art wearied, 10

Yet thou sayest not, It is in vain.

Thou findest strength in thy hand,

Therefore thou art not worn out.

But of whom art thou fearful, and afraid, 11

That thou hast spoken lies,

And hast not remembered me, nor retained *me* in thy heart?

Have I not been silent even of old,

So that me thou fearest not?

Yet it is I who declare thy deliverance, 12

And thy works they shall not profit thee.

When thou criest, let thine associates deliver thee; 13

But the wind shall carry them all away;

A breath shall take *them* off.

But he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land,
And shall inherit my holy mountain;

- 14 And he shall say, Cast up, cast up, prepare the way,
Take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.
15 For thus saith the high and lofty One
That inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy :
I inhabit the high and holy *heavens*,
But dwell also with the contrite and humble in spirit ;
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite.
16 For I will not contend for ever,
Neither will I be always wroth ;
For the spirit would faint before me,
And the souls which I have made.
17 On account of the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth,
And smote him :
I hid myself and was wroth,
And he still turned back *from me*, following his own heart.
18 I have seen his ways, and I will heal him ;
I will lead him also,
And restore comfort to him and to his mourners,
19 I who create the fruit of the lips :
Peace, peace, to far and to near,
Saith Jehovah ; and I will heal him.
20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea ;
For it cannot rest,
And its waters cast up mire and dirt :
21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

- 1 CHAP. LVIII.—Cry aloud, spare not,
Lift up thy voice like a trumpet,
And show my people their transgression,
And the house of Jacob their sins :
2 For they seek me daily, and are eager to know my ways,
As a nation that did righteousness,
And forsook not the ordinance of their God :
They ask from me ordinances of justice ;
They are eager for the approach of God :
3 Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and thou seest not ?
Wherefore have we afflicted our soul,
And thou takest no knowledge ?

Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure,
 And pursue all your labours.
 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, 4
 And to smite with the fist of wickedness :
 Ye do not fast this day,
 So as to make your voice to be heard on high.
 Is it such a fast that I have chosen ? 5
 A day for a man to afflict his soul ?
 Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush,
 And to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him* ?
 Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Jehovah ?
 Is not this the fast that I have chosen,— 6
 To loose the bands of wickedness,
 To strike off the fastenings of the yoke,
 And to let the oppressed go free,
 And that ye break every yoke ?
 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, 7
 And that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house ?
 When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him ;
 And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh ?

 Then shall thy light burst forth like the dawn, 8
 And thy wounds shall speedily be healed ;
 And thy righteousness shall go before thee ;
 The glory of Jehovah shall guard thy rear.
 Then shalt thou call, and Jehovah shall answer ; 9
 Thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.
 If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,
 The putting-forth of the finger, and speaking vanity ;
 And *if* thou bring out thy food to the hungry, 10
 And satisfy the afflicted soul ;
 Then shall thy light rise in obscurity,
 And thy darkness be as the noon-day :
 And Jehovah shall guide thee continually, 11
 And satisfy thy soul in drought, and make strong thy bones :
 And thou shalt be like a watered garden,
 And like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.
 And *they that are* of thee shall rebuild the old waste places ; 12
 Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations ;
 And thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach,
 The restorer of paths to dwell in.
 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, 13
 From doing thy pleasure on my holy day ;

- And call the sabbath a delight,
 The holy *day* of Jehovah honourable ;
 And shalt honour it, not doing thine own ways,
 Nor finding thine own pleasure,
 Nor speaking *thine own* words :
 14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in Jehovah ;
 And I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the
 land,
 And feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father :
 For the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.

- 1 CHAP. LIX.—Behold, the hand of Jehovah is not short-
 ened, that it cannot save ;
 Neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear :
 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your
 God,
 And your sins have hidden *his* face from you,
 That he will not hear.
 3 For your hands are stained with blood,
 And your fingers with iniquity ;
 Your lips have spoken lies,
 Your tongue hath uttered perverseness.
 4 None summoneth *another* with justice,
 And none pleadeth with truth ;
 Confiding in vanity, and speaking falsehood,
 Conceiving mischief, and bringing forth iniquity.
 5 They hatch viper's eggs, and weave the spider's web :
 He that eateth of their eggs dieth,
 And if one of them is crushed an adder breaketh forth.
 6 Their webs serve not for garments,
 Neither can one cover himself with their works :
 Their works are works of deceit,
 And a deed of violence is in their hands.
 7 Their feet run to evil,
 And they hasten to shed innocent blood ;
 Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity ;
 Wasting and destruction are in their course.
 8 The way of peace they know not ;
 And there is no justice in their track :
 They make for themselves crooked paths ;
 Whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.
 9 Therefore is judgment far from us,
 Neither doth deliverance overtake us :

We wait for light, but behold obscurity ;
 For brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.
 We grope like blind men for the wall, 10
 And like one that hath no eyes we grope ;
 We stumble at noon day as in the night ;
 Amidst fertile fields *we are* as dead *men*.
 We moan like bears, all of us, 11
 And mourn continually like doves :
 We wait for judgment, but *it cometh* not ;
 For salvation, *but* it is far from us.

For our transgressions have been multiplied before thee, 12
 And our sins testify against us :
 For we are conscious of our transgressions,
 And *as for* our iniquities, we know them ;
 Transgressing and denying Jehovah, 13
 And departing away from our God,
 Speaking oppression and revolt,
 Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
 And justice hath been turned back, 14
 And righteousness standeth afar off ;
 For truth hath stumbled in the open place,
 And equity cannot enter.
 Yea, truth was not to be found ; 15
 And he that departed from evil was plundered.

But Jehovah hath seen it,
 And it displeased him that there was no justice.
 And he hath seen that there was no man, 16
 And was astonished that no one interposed :
 Therefore his own arm brought salvation to him ;
 And his own righteousness, that hath sustained him.
 For he hath put on righteousness as a breastplate, 17
 And a helmet of salvation upon his head :
 And he hath put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing,
 And clad himself with indignation as a cloak.
 According to *their* deeds, so will he repay, 18
 Fury to his adversaries, retribution to his enemies ;
 To the isles he will work retribution.
 So shall they fear the name of Jehovah from the west, 19
 And his glory from the rising of the sun ;
 When he shall come like a pent-up stream,
Which a mighty wind driveth along.
 And a redeemer shall come for Zion, 20

And for them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah.

- 21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith Jehovah,
 My spirit that is upon thee,
 And my words which I have put in thy mouth,
 Shall not depart out of thy mouth,
 Nor out of the mouth of thy seed,
 Nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith Jehovah,
 From henceforth and for ever.

- 1 CHAP. LX.—Arise ! shine ! for thy light is come,
 And the glory of Jehovah is arisen upon thee.
 2 For, behold, darkness covereth the earth,
 And gross darkness the peoples :
 But upon thee shall Jehovah arise,
 And his glory shall be seen upon thee.
 3 And the nations shall come to thy light,
 And kings to the brightness of thy rising.
 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see ;
 They all gather themselves together, they come to thee :
 Thy sons shall come from afar,
 And thy daughters shall be carried at *their* side.
 5 Then thou shalt see, and be gladdened,
 And thy heart shall throb and swell ;
 Because the riches of the sea shall be turned unto thee,
 The wealth of the nations shall come to thee.
 6 A multitude of camels shall cover thee,
 The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah ;
 They all shall come from Sheba ;
 They shall bring gold and incense ;
 And they shall show forth the praises of Jehovah.
 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee,
 The rams of Nebaioth shall serve thee ;
 They shall be offered acceptably on mine altar,
 And I will glorify the house of my glory.
 8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud,
 And as doves to their dove-cotes ?
 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me,
 And the ships of Tarshish among the first,
 To bring thy sons from afar,
 Their silver and their gold with them,
 For the name of Jehovah thy God,
 And for the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, 10
And their kings shall serve thee :
For in my wrath I smote thee,
But in my favour have I had mercy on thee .
Therefore thy gates shall be open continually ; 11
They shall not be shut day nor night ;
That the wealth of the nations may be brought unto thee,
And their kings led captive.
For the nation and kingdom that will not work for thee shall 12
perish ;
Yea, the nations shall be utterly destroyed.

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, 13
The fir-tree, the plane, and the box-tree together,
To beautify the place of my sanctuary ;
And I will make the place of my feet glorious. '
The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending 14
unto thee ;
And all they that despised thee
Shall bow themselves down at thy feet ;
And they shall call thee, The city of Jehovah,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, 15
So that no man went through *thee*,
I will make thee an eternal excellency,
A joy of many generations.
Thou shalt also suck the milk of nations, 16
And shalt be nursed on the breast of kings :
And thou shalt know that I Jehovah am thy Saviour
And thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Instead of brass I will bring *thee* gold, 17
And for iron I will bring thee silver,
And for wood brass, and for stones iron :
I will also make thy officers peace,
And thy magistrates righteousness.
Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, 18
Wasting nor destruction within thy borders ;
But thou shalt call thy walls, Salvation, and thy gates, Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day ; 19
Neither with *her* brightness shall the moon give light to thee :
But Jehovah shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
And thy God thy glory.

- 20 Thy sun shall no more go down,
Neither shall thy moon be withdrawn :
For Jehovah shall be thine everlasting light,
And the days of thy mourning shall be ended.
- 21 Thy people also shall be all righteous ;
They shall inherit the land for ever,
The branch of my planting, the work of my hands,
That I may be glorified.
- 22 The little one shall become a thousand,
And the small one a strong nation :
I Jehovah will hasten it in its time.

- 1 CHAP. LXI.—The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me ;
Because Jehovah hath anointed me to preach good tidings
to the afflicted ;
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to them that are bound ;
- 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah,
And the day of vengeance of our God ;
To comfort all that mourn :
- 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
To give unto them a chaplet instead of ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for a desponding spirit ;
That they may be called, Trees of righteousness,
The planting of Jehovah, that he may be glorified.
- 4 And they shall re-build the old waste places,
They shall raise up the desolations of former times,
And they shall repair the wasted cities,
The desolations of many generations.
- 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And the sons of the alien shall be your ploughmen and your
vine-dressers.
- 6 But ye shall be named, The priests of Jehovah ;
Ye shall be called, The ministers of our God ;
Ye shall eat the riches of the nations,
And their glory ye shall transfer to yourselves.
- 7 For your shame *ye shall have a double recompence,*
And *for* disgrace to shout aloud shall be their portion :
Therefore in their land they shall possess a double *share* ;
Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I Jehovah love justice,
 I hate robbery with iniquity;
 And I will grant the reward of their work in truth,
 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
 And their seed shall be known among the nations, 9
 And their offspring among the peoples;
 All that see them shall acknowledge them,
 That they are a seed *which* Jehovah hath blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, 10
 My soul shall exult in my God;
 For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 As a bridegroom decketh *himself* with a chaplet,
 And as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.
 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
 And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to 11
 spring forth;
 So the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise
 To spring forth before all the nations.

CHAP. LXII.—For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, 1
 And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
 Until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness,
 And the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.
 And the nations shall see thy righteousness, 2
 And all kings thy glory:
 And thou shalt be called by a new name,
 Which the mouth of Jehovah shall declare.
 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of Jehovah, 3
 And a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.
 Thou shalt no more be termed, Forsaken; 4
 Neither shall thy land any more be termed, Desolate:
 But thou shalt be called, My delight is in her,
 And thy land, The married:
 For Jehovah delighteth in thee,
 And thy land shall be married.
 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, 5
 So shall thy children marry thee;
 And *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride,
 So shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen, 6

- Who shall never hold their peace, day nor night :
- 7 *Saying*, Ye that remind Jehovah,
 Keep not silence, and give him no rest,
 Till he establish Jerusalem,
 And till he make *her* a praise in the earth.
- 8 Jehovah hath sworn by his right hand,
 And by his strong arm :
 Surely I will no more give thy corn
To be food for thine enemies ;
 And the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy new wine,
 For which thou hast laboured :
- 9 But they that have reaped it shall eat it, and praise Jehovah ;
 And they that have gathered it shall drink it,
 In my holy courts.
- 10 Go through, go through the gates ;
 Prepare ye the way of the people ;
 Cast up, cast up the highway ;
 Gather out the stones ;
 Lift up a standard to the peoples.
- 11 Behold, Jehovah hath proclaimed unto the end of the world,
 Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh :
 Behold, his reward is with him,
 And the result of his work before him.
- 12 And they shall call them, The holy people,
 The redeemed of Jehovah :
 And thou shalt be called, The sought one,
 A city not forsaken.
- 1 CHAP. LXIII.—Who is this that cometh from Edom,
 In dazzling garments from Bozrah ?
 This *that is* glorious in his apparel,
 Bearing himself proudly in the greatness of his strength?—
 I who promise deliverance, mighty to save.
- 2 Wherefore is thine apparel red,
 And thy garments like *those of* one treading the wine-vat ?
- 3 I have trodden the wine-press alone ;
 And of the peoples there was no one with me :
 And I will tread them in mine anger,
 And trample them in my wrath ;
 And their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments,
 And I will stain all my raiment.
- 4 For the day of vengeance is in my heart,

And the year of my redeemed is come.
 And I looked, and there was none to help ; 5
 And I was astonished that there was none to uphold :
 Therefore mine own arm gained me the victory,
 And my wrath, it upheld me.
 And I will tread down the peoples in mine anger, 6
 And make them drunk in my wrath,
 And shed their blood upon the ground.

I will commemorate the loving-kindnesses of Jehovah, 7
 The praises of Jehovah,
 According to all that Jehovah hath bestowed on us ;
 And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
 Which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies,
 And according to the greatness of his loving-kindnesses.
 For he said, Surely they are my people, 8
 Children that will not be false :
 And he was their Saviour.
 In all their adversity he was not adverse, 9
 And the angel of his presence saved them :
 In his love and in his pity he redeemed them ;
 And he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
 But they rebelled and vexed his holy spirit ; 10
 Therefore he turned to be their enemy ;
 He himself fought against them.

Then his people remembered the days of old, 11
The days of Moses, saying,
 Where is he that brought them up out of the sea,
 With the shepherd of his flock ?
 Where is he that put his holy spirit in the midst of him ?
 Causing his glorious arm to go with the right hand of Moses, 12
 Dividing the water before them,
 So as to make for himself an everlasting name ?
 Leading them through the deep, 13
So that, as a horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble ?
 As the herd goeth down into the valley, 14
 The spirit of Jehovah caused him to rest :
 Thus didst thou lead thy people,
 So as to make for thyself a glorious name.

Look down from heaven, and behold, 15
 From the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory :
 Where is thy zeal and thy might ?
 Thy great compassion and thy mercies toward me,

- Are they restrained ?
 16 For thou art our father,
 Though Abraham know us not,
 And Israel acknowledge us not :
 Thou, O Jehovah, art our father ;
 Our redeemer from everlasting is thy name.
 17 Why dost thou let us wander from thy ways, O Jehovah,
 And harden our heart against thy fear ?
 Return, for the sake of thy servants,
 The tribes of thine inheritance.
 18 But a little while did thy holy people possess *it* ;
 Our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.
 19 We have long been *as* those whom thou hast not ruled over,
 Who have not been called by thy name.

- 1 CHAP. LXIV.—Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens,
 That thou wouldest come down,
 That the mountains might be shaken at thy presence !
 2 As *when* fire kindleth brush-wood,
 Or fire causeth water to boil,
 To make thy name known to thine adversaries,
 That the nations may tremble at thy presence !
 3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for,
 Thou camest down,
 The mountains were shaken at thy presence.
 4 For never, from of old, have men heard,
 Nor perceived by the ear,
 Neither hath the eye seen a God besides thee,
 Who doeth *such things* for him that waiteth for him.
 5 Thou acceptest him that rejoiceth to do righteousness,
Those that remember thee in thy ways.
 Behold, thou hast been wroth, for we have sinned ;
 Long hath it been thus, and shall we be saved ?
 6 For we are all as an unclean *thing*,
 And all our righteousnesses as a filthy garment ;
 And we all do fade as a leaf ;
 And our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.
 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name,
 That arouseth himself to take hold of thee :
 For thou hast hidden thy face from us,
 And lettest us melt away, because of our iniquities.
 8 But now, O Jehovah, thou art our father ;

We are the clay and thou the potter,
 And we all are the work of thy hand.
 Be not wroth to the uttermost, O Jehovah,
 Neither remember iniquity for ever:
 Behold, see, we beseech thee, thy people are we all.
 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, 10
 Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation ;
 Our holy and our beautiful house, 11
 Where our fathers praised thee,
 Is burned up with fire,
 And all our pleasant things are laid waste.
 Wilt thou restrain thyself at these *things*, O Jehovah ? 12
 Wilt thou keep silence, and afflict us to the uttermost ?

CHAP. LXV.—I have let myself be sought of *them that* 1
 asked not,
 I have let myself be found of *them that* inquired not *for me* :
 I said, Behold me, behold me,
 To a nation that was not called by my name.
 I have spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, 2
 Which walketh in a way not good, after their own thoughts ;
 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face ; 3
 That sacrificeth in gardens,
 And burneth incense upon altars of brick ;
 Who sit in sepulchres, and lodge in caverns ; 4
 Who eat swine's flesh,
 And *in whose* vessels are pieces of unclean things ;
 Who say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me, 5
 For I am holier than thou.
 These *men are* offensive to me,
 A fire that burneth all the day.
 Behold, it is written before me : 6
 I will not keep silence, but I will requite *it*,
 Yea, I will requite into their bosom your iniquities,
 And the iniquities of your fathers together, saith Jehovah, 7
 Who burned incense upon the mountains,
 And blasphemed me upon the hills :
 Therefore will I measure the reward of their former work into
 their bosom.

Thus saith Jehovah, 8
 As the new wine is found in the cluster,

- And *one* saith, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it :
 So will I do for my servants' sakes,
 So as not to destroy them all.
- 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
 And out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains :
 And my chosen ones shall inherit it,
 And my servants shall dwell there.
- 10 And Sharon shall be a pasture of flocks,
 And the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in,
 For my people that have sought me.
- 11 But ye that forsake Jehovah,
 That forget my holy mountain,
 That prepare for Gad [FORTUNE] a table,
 And that fill for Meni [DESTINY] a mixed draught,
- 12 You have I destined to the sword,
 And ye shall all bow down to the slaughter :
 Because when I called, ye did not answer ;
 When I spake, ye did not hear ;
 But did evil before mine eyes,
 And did choose that wherein I delighted not.
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
 Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry ;
 Behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty ;
 Behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed ;
- 14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart,
 But ye shall cry for sorrow of heart,
 And shall howl for vexation of spirit.
- 15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen
 ones ;
 For the Lord Jehovah shall slay thee,
 And call his servants by another name :
- 16 So that he who blesseth himself in the earth
 Shall bless himself by the God of faithfulness ;
 And he that sweareth in the earth
 Shall swear by the God of faithfulness ;
 Because the former troubles are forgotten,
 And because they are hidden from mine eyes.
- 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth ;
 And the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind :
- 18 But be ye glad and exult for ever in that which I create ;
 For, behold, I make Jerusalem an exultation,

And her people a joy.
 And I will exult in Jerusalem, and rejoice in my people : 19
 And the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her,
 Nor the voice of crying.
 There shall no more be there an infant of *few* days, 20
 Nor an old man that hath not fulfilled his days :
 For *one who* shall die a hundred years old
Shall be accounted a youth,
 And the sinner shall be accursed
Only when a hundred years old.
 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them ; 21
 And they shall plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build, and another inhabit ; 22
 They shall not plant, and another eat :
 For as the days of a tree are the days of my people,
 And my chosen ones shall long enjoy the work of their
 hands.
 They shall not labour in vain, 23
 Nor bring forth *children* for sudden death ;
 For they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah,
 And their offspring with them.
 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer ; 24
 And while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, 25
 And the lion shall eat straw like the ox ;
 And *as to* the serpent, dust shall be his food.
 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain,
 saith Jehovah.

CHAP. LXVI.—Thus saith Jehovah, 1
 The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool :
 Where, *then*, is the house that ye will build unto me ?
 And where the place of my rest ?
 For all these hath my hand made, 2
 And all these have been, saith Jehovah :
 Yet to this *man* will I look,
Even to him that is humble and of a contrite spirit,
 And who trembleth at my word.

He that killeth an ox *is to me as* one that slayeth a man ; 3
 He that sacrificeth a lamb, *as* one that breaketh a dog's neck ;
 He that bringeth a meal-offering, *as one with* swine's blood ;

- He that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol.
 Yea, they have chosen their own ways,
 And their soul delighteth in their abominations :
- 4 I also will choose their calamities,
 And will bring their fears upon them ;
 Because when I called, none did answer ;
 When I spake, they did not hear :
 But they did evil before mine eyes,
 And chose that in which I delighted not.
- 5 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye that tremble at his word :
Thus say your brethren that hate you,
 That cast you out for my name's sake,—
 Let Jehovah be glorified, that we may look upon your joy :
 But they shall be brought to shame.
- 6 A voice of destruction from the city,
 A voice from the temple, the voice of Jehovah,
 Who worketh retribution to his enemies.
- 7 Before she hath travailed, she bringeth forth ;
 Before her pain cometh, she is delivered of a man-child.
- 8 Who hath heard such a thing ? who hath seen such things ?
 Is a land born in one day ?
 Shall a nation be brought forth at once ?
 For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.
- 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth ?
 Saith Jehovah ;
 Or shall I who have begotten, shut up *the womb* ?
 Saith thy God.
- 10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem,
 And exult in her, all ye that love her :
 Be very joyful with her, all ye that mourned over her :
- 11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied
 With the breast of her consolations ;
 That ye may drain out, and be delighted
 With the abundance of her glory.
- 12 For thus saith Jehovah,
 Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
 And the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream :
 And ye shall suck ;
 Ye shall be borne upon the side,
 And fondled upon the knees.
- 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you ;
 And ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

And when ye see *this*, your heart shall rejoice, 14
 And your bones shall flourish like the young grass ;
 And the hand of Jehovah shall be made known to his ser-
 vants,
 And his indignation to his enemies.

For, behold, Jehovah shall come with fire, 15
 And with his chariots like a whirlwind ;
 To direct his anger in fury,
 And his rebuke with flames of fire.
 For by fire and by his sword will Jehovah judge all flesh : 16
 And the slain of Jehovah shall be many.
 They that sanctify themselves, 17
 And purify themselves for the gardens,
Following after one in the midst,
 Eating swine's flesh, and what is abominable, and the field-
 mouse,
 Shall be consumed together, saith Jehovah ;
 For *I will punish* their works and their thoughts. 18

The time is come, for gathering all nations and tongues ;
 And they shall come, and see my glory ;
 And I will work a sign among them : 19
 And I will send those that escape of them unto the nations,
 To Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow,
 To Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off,
 That have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory ;
 And they shall declare my glory among the nations.
 And they shall bring all your brethren, 20
 For an offering unto Jehovah out of all nations,
 Upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters,
 And upon mules, and upon swift dromedaries,
 To my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith Jehovah ;
 As the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel,
 Into the house of Jehovah.
 And I will also take of them for priests *and* Levites, saith 21
 Jehovah.

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, 22
 Shall remain before me, saith Jehovah,
 So shall your seed and your name remain.
 And it shall come to pass, 23
 That from one new moon to another,
 And from one sabbath to another,
 All flesh shall come to worship before me, saith Jehovah.

24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases
Of the men that have transgressed against me :
For their worm shall not die,
Neither shall their fire be quenched ;
And they shall be an abhorrence unto all flesh.

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH.

CHAP. I.—The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, ¹
one of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Ben- ²
jamin; to whom the word of Jehovah came in the days of
Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth
year of his reign; *to whom* it came also in the days of Je- ³
hoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, until the end of
the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah,
until the carrying away of Jerusalem into captivity in the
fifth month.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, ⁴
Before I formed thee in the womb I knew thee; ⁵
And before thou camest forth at thy birth I sanctified thee,
I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Then, I said, Ah, Lord Jehovah! ⁶
Behold, I know not how to speak; for I am a child.
But Jehovah said unto me, Say not, I am a child; ⁷
For unto whomsoever I shall send thee, thou shalt go,
And whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.
Be not afraid before them; ⁸
For I am with thee to deliver thee, saith Jehovah.

And Jehovah put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; ⁹
and Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in
thy mouth: See, I have this day appointed thee over the ¹⁰
nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down,
and to destroy, and to overthrow, to build, and to plant.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, What ¹¹
seest thou Jeremiah? And I said, I see a rod of an almond

12 tree. Then said Jehovah unto me, Thou hast rightly seen :
for I am watching over my word to perform it.

13 And the word of Jehovah came unto me a second time,
saying, What seest thou ? And I said, I see a boiling pot ;
14 and the face thereof is from the north.

Then Jehovah said unto me,

Out of the north shall the evil break forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the land :

15 For, lo, I will call to all the tribes
Of the kingdoms of the north, saith Jehovah ;
And they shall come, and shall set every one his throne
At the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem,
And against all the walls thereof round about,
And against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them,
For all their wickedness,
In that they have forsaken me,
And burned incense unto other gods,
And worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise,
And speak unto them all that I command thee ;
Be not confounded before them,
Lest I confound thee before them.

18 For, behold, I have made thee this day as a fortified city,
And a pillar of iron, and walls of brass,
Against the whole land ;
To the kings of Judah, to the princes thereof,
To the priests thereof, and to the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee,
But shall not prevail over thee ;
For I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to deliver thee.

1 CHAP. II.—And the word of Jehovah came to me, say-
ing, Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying,

Thus saith Jehovah,

2 I remember for thee the kindness of thy youth,
The love of thine espousals,
When thou wentest after me in the wilderness,
In a land not cultivated.

3 Israel was sacred to Jehovah, the first fruits of his increase :
All that devoured him were guilty ;

Evil came upon them, saith Jehovah.

Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob, 4
And all the families of the house of Israel:

Thus saith Jehovah, 5

What iniquity have your fathers found in me,

That they are gone from me,

And have walked after vanity, and become vain?

Neither have said, Where is Jehovah, 6

Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,

Who led us through the wilderness,

Through a land of deserts and of pits,

Through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death,

Through a land that no man passed through,

And where no one dwelt?

And I brought you into a plentiful country, 7

To eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof;

But when ye entered, ye defiled my land,

And made my inheritance an abomination.

The priests said not, Where is Jehovah? 8

And they that were versed in the law knew me not;

The shepherds also transgressed against me,

And the prophets prophesied by Baal,

And walked after *things that* do not profit.

Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith Jehovah, 9

And with your children's children will I plead.

For pass over to the isles of Chittim, and see; 10

And send unto Kedar, and consider diligently,

And see if such a thing hath been:—

Hath a nation changed its gods, which are yet no gods? 11

But my people have changed their glory

For *that which* doth not profit.

Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, 12

Shudder and be amazed, saith Jehovah.

For my people have committed two evils; 13

Me they have forsaken, the fountain of living waters,

To hew out for themselves cisterns,

Broken cisterns, that hold no water!

Is Israel my servant?—one born in the house? 14

Why *then* hath he become a spoil?

The young lions roar over him, 15

They lift up their voice, and make his land a desolation:

- His cities are burned and without inhabitant.
 16 The children also of Noph and Tahpanes
 Consume the crown of thy head.
 17 Hast thou not done this unto thyself,
 In that thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God,
 When he led thee in the way?
 18 And now, what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt,
 To drink the waters of the Nile?
 Or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria,
 To drink the waters of the river *Euphrates*?
 19 Thine own wickedness shall chastise thee,
 And thy backslidings shall reprove thee:
 Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing,
 That thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God,
 And that the fear of me is not in thee, saith Jehovah God of
 hosts.
- 20 For of old hast thou broken thy yoke,
 And burst thy bands, and said, I will not serve;
 For upon every high hill and under every green tree
 Thou hast reclined, playing the harlot.
 21 Yet I had planted thee a choice vine, wholly a right seed:
 And how art thou changed for me
 Into degenerate shoots of a strange vine!
 22 For though thou wash thee with natron,
 And take thee much soap,
 Black is thine iniquity before me, saith the Lord Jehovah.
 23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted,
 I have not gone after the images of Baal?
 Behold thy way in the valley;
 Know what thou hast done;
 As a swift young camel running hither and thither.
 24 *Thou art as a wild ass* used to the wilderness,
 That snuffeth up the wind in her eagerness:
 In her occasion who can turn her back?
 None that seek her need weary themselves;
 In her month they shall find her.
 25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod,
 And thy throat from thirst:
 But thou saidst, It is in vain! No!
 For I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.
 26 As a thief is ashamed when he is taken,
 So is the house of Israel put to shame;

They themselves, their kings, their princes,
 And their priests, and their prophets :
 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father ; 27
 And to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth :
 For they have turned *their* back to me, and not *their* face :
 Yet in the time of their trouble they will say,
 Arise, and save us.
 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee ? 28
 Let them arise,
 If they can save thee in the time of thy trouble :
 For as many as thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.
 Wherefore will ye contend with me ? 29
 Ye have all transgressed against me, saith Jehovah.
 In vain have I smitten your children ; 30
 They have not received correction :
 Your own sword hath devoured your prophets,
 Like a destroying lion.

O generation, behold ye the word of Jehovah : 31
 Have I been a wilderness unto Israel ? a land of darkness ?
 Wherefore say my people, We are free ;
 We will come no more unto thee ? -
 Can a maiden forget her ornaments ? a bride her attire ? 32
 Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.
 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love ? 33
 Therefore also hast thou taught thy ways wickedness.
 In thy skirts also is found the life-blood of the poor and 34
 innocent,

Though thou hast not found them breaking in :
 Yea, it is upon all these.

Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, 35
 Surely his anger shall turn from me.
 Behold, I will enter into judgment with thee,
 Because thou sayest, I have not sinned.
 Why runnest thou so hastily to change thy way ? 36
 Of Egypt also shalt thou be ashamed,
 As thou wast ashamed of Assyria.
 Yea, from him also shalt thou go forth, 37
 With thy hands upon thy head :
 For Jehovah hath rejected the objects of thy confidence,
 And thou shalt not prosper in them.

- 1 CHAP. III.—It is said, If a man put away his wife,
 And she go from him, and become another man's,
 Shall he return unto her again?
 Shall not that land be greatly polluted?
 But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers;
 And shalt thou return to me? saith Jehovah.
- 2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places,
 And see where thou hast not been lain with.
 In the ways hast thou sat for them,
 As the Arab in the wilderness;
 And thou hast polluted the land
 With thy harlotries and with thy wickedness.
- 3 Therefore the showers have been withholden,
 And there hath been no latter rain;
 Yet thou hast had a harlot's forehead,
 Thou hast refused to be ashamed.
- 4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me,
 My father, the guide of my youth art Thou?
- 5 Will he retain *his anger* for ever?
 Will he keep it perpetually?
 Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things with all thy
 might.
- 6 And Jehovah said unto me in the days of Josiah the king,
 Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she
 7 hath gone up upon every high mountain and under every
 green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said,
 after she hath done all these things, she will return unto
 8 me: but she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah
 saw it. And I saw, when for all the adulteries of backsliding
 Israel I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce, yet
 her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played
 9 the harlot also herself. And it came to pass through the fame
 of her harlotry, that she defiled the land, and committed
 10 adultery with stone and with wood. And yet for all this her
 treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her
 whole heart, but falsely, saith Jehovah.
- 11 And Jehovah said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath justified
 12 herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim
 these words toward the north, and say,
 Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith Jehovah;
 I will not let my countenance frown upon you:
 For I am merciful, saith Jehovah,

I will not retain *anger* for ever.
 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, 13
 That thou hast transgressed against Jehovah thy God,
 And hast gone about among strangers,
 Under every green tree ;
 And *that* ye have not obeyed my voice, saith Jehovah.
 Return, O backsliding children, saith Jehovah ; 14
 For I am your Lord ;
 And I will take you, one of a city, and two of a tribe,
 And I will bring you to Zion :
 And I will give you shepherds after mine own heart, 15
 Who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
 And when ye shall be multiplied and increased in the land, 16
 In those days, saith Jehovah, they shall no more say,
 The ark of the covenant of Jehovah ;
 Neither shall it come to mind ;
 Neither shall they remember it ;
 Neither shall they visit it ;
 Neither shall *that* be done any more.
 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of 17
 Jehovah ;
 And all the nations shall be gathered unto it,
 To the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem ;
 Neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of
 their evil heart.
 In those days shall the house of Judah walk with the house 18
 of Israel,
 And they shall come together out of the land of the north,
 To the land which I made your fathers inherit ;
 When I said, How will I adorn thee with children ! 19
 And give thee a pleasant land,
 A glorious heritage of the hosts of nations !
 And I said, Thou shalt call me, My father ;
 And shalt not turn away from me.
 Surely as a wife departeth treacherously from her hus- 20
 band,
 So have ye dealt treacherously with me,
 O house of Israel, saith Jehovah.
 A voice is heard upon the high places, 21
 The weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel,
 Because they have perverted their way,
 They have forgotten Jehovah their God.

- 22 Return, O backsliding children ; I will heal your backslidings.
Behold, we come unto thee ; for thou art Jehovah our God.
- 23 Truly a deception *is the expectation* from the hills,
And the multitude *on the* mountains :
Truly in Jehovah our God is the salvation of Israel.
- 24 For *things of* shame have devoured the substance of our
fathers from our youth ;
Their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
- 25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us :
For we have sinned against Jehovah our God,
We and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day,
And have not hearkened to the voice of Jehovah our God.

- 1 CHAP. IV.—If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith Jehovah,
If thou wilt return unto me,
And if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my
sight,
Then shalt thou not be a wanderer ;
- 2 And thou shalt swear, As Jehovah liveth,
In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness ;
And the nations shall bless themselves in him,
And in him shall they glory.
- 3 For thus saith Jehovah to the men of Judah and Jerusalem,
Break up your fallow ground,
And sow not among thorns.
- 4 Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah,
Yea, circumcise your hearts,
Ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem :
Lest my fury go forth like fire,
And burn so that none can quench it,
Because of the evil of your doings.
- 5 Declare ye in Judah, and proclaim in Jerusalem ;
And say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land :
Cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves,
And let us go into the fortified cities.
- 6 Lift up the standard towards Zion ; flee ye *and* stay not ;
For I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.
- 7 The lion cometh up from his thicket,
And the destroyer of nations is on his way ;
He is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate ;
Thy cities shall be laid waste, *and* without inhabitant.

For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl : 8
 For the fierce anger of Jehovah turneth not away from us.
 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith Jehovah, 9
That the heart of the king shall perish,
 And the heart of the princes ;
 And the priests shall be astonished,
 And the prophets amazed.
 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah ! 10
 Surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem,
 Saying, Ye shall have peace ;
 And *yet* the sword reacheth even to the life.

At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jeru- 11
 salem,
As a dry wind of high places in the wilderness
 Is the way of the daughter of my people ;
 Not *a wind* to fan, nor to purify.
 A wind too strong for them shall come at my bidding : 12
 Now will I also speak judgment against them.
 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, 13
 And his chariots as a whirlwind :
 His horses are swifter than eagles.
 Woe unto us ! for we are laid waste.
 O Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness, 14
 That thou mayest be saved :
 How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee ?
 For a voice declareth from Dan, 15
 And proclaimeth affliction from mount Ephraim.
 Report it to the nations ; 16
 Behold, proclaim against Jerusalem,
That besiegers are coming from a far country,
 And raise their voice against the cities of Judah.
 Like keepers of the fields, are they against her round about ; 17
 Because she hath rebelled against me, saith Jehovah.
 Thy way and thy doings have brought these *things* upon is
 thee ;
 Such is the fruit of thy wickedness,
 Yea, it is bitter, yea, it reached even to thy heart.

My bowels ! my bowels ! 19
 I am pained in the depths of my heart ;
 My heart moaneth within me ; I cannot be silent :

- Because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet,
The alarm of war.
- 20 Destruction upon destruction, is the cry ;
For the whole land is laid waste :
Suddenly are my tents laid waste,
My *tent*-curtains, in a moment.
- 21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of
the trumpet ?
- 22 For my people is foolish, they do not know me ;
They are stupid children, and have no understanding :
They are wise to do evil,
But to do good they have no knowledge.
- 23 I looked on the earth,
And, lo, it was without form and void ;
And to the heavens, and they had no light ;
- 24 I looked at the mountains, and, lo, they trembled,
And all the hills shook ;
- 25 I looked, and, lo, there was no man,
And all the birds of the heavens were fled.
- 26 I looked, and, lo, the fruitful field was a wilderness,
And all the cities thereof were thrown down,
Before the presence of Jehovah, before the heat of his anger.
- 27 For thus saith Jehovah,
The whole land shall be desolate ;
Yet will I not utterly destroy.
- 28 For this shall the earth mourn,
And the heavens above be black :
Because I have spoken, I have purposed,
And I will not repent, neither turn back from it.
- 29 At the noise of the horsemen and bowmen every city fleeth ;
They go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks :
Every city is forsaken, and no man dwelleth in them.
- 30 And thou, when laid waste, what wilt thou do ?
Though thou clothest thyself with crimson,
Though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold,
Though thou enlargest thine eyes with paint,
In vain shalt thou set forth thy beauty,
Thy lovers despise thee, they will seek thy life.
- 31 For I have heard a voice as of one in travail,
Anguish as of one that bringeth forth her first child ;
The voice of the daughter of Zion,
She bewaileth herself, she spreadeth out her hands,

Saying, Woe now unto me !
 For my soul fainteth because of murderers.

CHAP. V.—Run ye to and fro 1
 Through the streets of Jerusalem,
 And see now, and know, and seek in her broad places,
 If ye can find a man, if there be *any* that doeth justice,
 That seeketh the truth ; and I will pardon her.
 But though they say, As Jehovah liveth, 2
 Yet surely they swear falsely.
 O Jehovah, are not thine eyes according to the truth ? 3
 Thou hast smitten them, but they have not grieved ;
 Thou hast consumed them,
 They have refused to receive correction ;
 They have made their faces harder than a rock ;
 They have refused to return.
 Therefore I said, surely these are the poor ; 4
 They act foolishly because they know not the way of Jehovah,
 The judgment of their God :
 I will get me unto the great men, 5
 And will speak unto them ;
 For these know the way of Jehovah,
 The judgment of their God.
 But these have altogether broken the yoke,
 They have burst the bands.
 Wherefore the lion out of the forest hath slain them, 6
 The wolf of the deserts shall spoil them,
 The leopard shall watch about their cities :
 Every one that goeth out of them shall be torn in pieces ;
 Because their transgressions are many,
 Their backslidings are numerous.
 How shall I pardon thee for this ? 7
 Thy children have forsaken me,
 And sworn by them that are no gods :
 Though I bound them with an oath,
 Yet they committed adultery,
 And assembled in crowds in the harlot's house.
 They were as well-fed horses in the morning ; 8
 Every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.
 Shall I not visit *them* for these *things* ? saith Jehovah ; 9
 And shall not my soul avenge itself on such a nation as
 this ?

- 10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy, but not utterly :
Take away her branches, for they belong not to Jehovah.
- 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously with me, saith Jehovah.
- 12 They have denied Jehovah, and said, He is not ;
Neither shall evil come upon us ;
And the sword and famine we shall not see ;
- 13 And the prophets shall be as wind,
And he that speaketh *as* nothing among them :
Thus shall it be done unto them.
- 14 Wherefore, thus saith Jehovah God of Hosts,
Because ye have spoken this word,
Behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire,
And this people wood, and it shall devour them.
- 15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from afar,
O house of Israel, saith Jehovah :
It is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation ;
A nation whose language thou knowest not,
Neither understandest what they say.
- 16 Their quiver is as an open sepulchre,
They are all mighty men.
- 17 And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy bread,
Which thy sons and thy daughters should eat ;
They shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds ;
They shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees ;
They shall destroy with the sword thy fortified cities,
Wherein thou trustedst.
- 18 Yet even in those days, saith Jehovah,
I will not utterly destroy you.
- 19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say,
Wherefore doeth Jehovah our God all these things unto us ?
Then shalt thou answer them,
Even as ye have forsaken me,
And served strange gods in your land,
So shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.
- 20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob,
And proclaim it in Judah, saying,
- 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding ;
Who have eyes, and see not ; who have ears, and hear not :
- 22 Will ye not fear me ? saith Jehovah ;
Will ye not tremble before me,
Who have placed the sand as the boundary of the sea,

A perpetual limit, that it may not pass over it?
 Though the waves thereof toss themselves,
 Yet shall they not prevail;
 Though they roar, yet shall they not pass over it.
 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; 23
 They have revolted and are gone:
 Neither say they in their heart, 24
 Let us now fear Jchovah our God,
 Who giveth rain, both the former and the latter rain,
 In its season;
 Reserving for us the appointed weeks of harvest.
 Your iniquities have turned away these things, 25
 And your sins have withholden from you what is good.
 For among my people are found wicked men: 26
 They lie in wait, as the fowler croucheth;
 They set a trap, they catch men.
 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit; 27
 Wherefore they have become great, and rich.
 They have become fat, they shine: 28
 Yea, they have overpassed the deeds of the wicked:
 They defend not the cause, the cause of the fatherless,
 To make it prosper;
 And the right of the needy they have not vindicated.
 Shall I not visit *them* for these things? saith Jchovah; 29
 Shall not my soul avenge itself on such a nation as this?
 An astonishing and horrible thing is done in the land; 30
 The prophets prophesy falsely, 31
 And the priests bear rule as they direct;
 And my people love *to have it so*:
 But what will ye do in the issue thereof?

CHAP. VI.—Gather yourselves to flee, 1
 Ye children of Benjamin,
 Out of the midst of Jerusalem!
 And blow the trumpet in Tekoa,
 And set up a fire-signal in Beth-haccerem;
 For evil impendeth from the north, and great destruction.
 The comely and delicate one have I destroyed, 2
Even the daughter of Zion.
 Shepherds with their flocks shall come against her; 3
 They shall pitch *their* tents against her round about:
 They shall feed every one in his place:
Saying, Declare ye war against her; 4

- Arise, and let us go up at noonday :
 Alas for us ! for the day declineth,
 For the shadows of evening are lengthening :
 5 Arise, and let us go up by night,
 And let us destroy her palaces.
 6 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
 Hew down her trees,
 And cast up siege-mounds against Jerusalem :
 This is the city to be visited ;
 There is oppression everywhere in the midst of her.
 7 As a fountain sendeth forth its waters,
 So she sendeth forth her wickedness :
 Violence and spoliation are heard within her ;
 Before me continually are grief and wounds.
 8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem,
 Lest my soul depart from thee ;
 Lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

 9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
 They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine :
 Put thy hand again as a grape-gatherer to the baskets.
 10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning,
 That they may hear ?
 Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken :
 Behold, the word of Jehovah is their scorn,
 They have no delight in it.
 11 Therefore I am full of the fury of Jehovah,
 I am weary of holding in :
 Pour it out upon the children in the street,
 And upon the company of young men together :
 For both husband and wife shall be taken,
 The old man with *him that is full of days*.
 12 And their houses shall be transferred to others,
 Their fields and wives together :
 For I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the
 land, saith Jehovah.
 13 For, from the least of them even unto the greatest of them,
 Every one is greedy of gain ;
 And, from the prophet even unto the priest,
 Every one dealth falsely.
 14 They have also healed the wounds of the daughter of my
 people slightly,

Saying, Peace, Peace,—when there is no peace.
 Are they ashamed that they have done what is abominable? 15
 Nay, they are not at all ashamed,
 Neither know they how to blush :
 Therefore they shall fall among them that fall ;
 At the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith
 Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways, and see, 16
 And ask for the old paths,
 Which is the good way, and walk therein,
 And ye shall find rest for your souls :
 But they said, We will not walk *therein*.
 I have also set watchmen over you, *saying*, 17
 Harken to the sound of the trumpet :
 But they said, We will not hearken.

Therefore hear, ye nations, 18
 And know, O assembled multitude, what is among them ;
 Hear, O earth ! 19
 Behold, I will bring evil upon this people,
 The fruit of their own thoughts,
 Because they have not hearkened to my words,
 Nor to my law, but rejected it.
 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, 20
 And the sweet cane from a far country ?
 Your burnt offerings are not acceptable,
 Nor your sacrifices pleasant unto me.
 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, 21
 Behold, I lay stumbling-blocks before this people,
 And fathers and sons shall stumble upon them together ;
 The neighbour and his friend shall perish.

Thus saith Jehovah, 22
 Behold, a people cometh from the north country,
 And a great nation shall be roused up
 From the extremities of the earth.
 They grasp firmly bow and spear ; 23
 They are cruel, and shew no mercy ;
 Their voice resoundeth like the sea ;
 And they ride upon horses,
 Arrayed as a man for war, against thee,
 O daughter of Zion !

- 24 We have heard the report thereof; our hands grow feeble;
Anguish hath taken hold of us; pain, as of one in travail.
- 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way;
For the sword of the enemy *is there*,
Terror on every side.
- 26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth,
And roll thyself in ashes;
Make thee mourning, *as for* an only son,
Most bitter lamentation:
For suddenly shall the spoiler come upon us.
- 27 I have appointed thee a trier among my people, an
assayer,
That thou mayest know and try their way.
- 28 They are all stubborn revolvers, going about as slanderers;
Brass and iron all of them, they act corruptly.
- 29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed by the fire;
In vain the refiner melteth;
For the wicked are not separated.
- 30 Rejected silver shall they be called, because Jehovah hath
rejected them.

- 1 CHAP. VII.—The word which came to Jeremiah from
2 Jehovah, saying, Stand in the gate of the house of Jehovah,
and proclaim there this word, and say,
Hear the word of Jehovah, all *ye of* Judah,
That enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah:
3 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel,—
Amend your ways and your doings,
And I will let you dwell in this place.
4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying,
The temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah,
The temple of Jehovah are these.
5 But if ye will thoroughly amend your ways and your
doings,
And will do justice between a man and his neighbour;
6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the
widow,
And shed not innocent blood in this place,
Neither walk after other gods to your hurt:
7 Then will I let you dwell in this place,
In the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.
8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, 9
 And swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal,
 And walk after other gods whom ye know not,
 And come and stand before me in this house, 10
 Which is called by my name, and say,
 We have been delivered to do all these abominations?
 Is this house, which is called by my name, 11
 Become a den of robbers in your eyes?
 Behold, I, even I, have seen *your doings*, saith Jehovah.

But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, 12
 Where I let my name dwell in former times,
 And see what I have done to it,
 For the wickedness of my people Israel.
 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith 13
 Jehovah,
 And I have spoken to you, speaking earnestly,
 But ye heard not,
 And called you, but ye answered not;
 Therefore will I do unto *this* house, 14
 Which is called by my name, wherein ye trust,
 And unto the place which I gave to you and to your
 fathers,
 As I have done to Shiloh;
 And I will cast you out of my sight, 15
 As I have cast out all your brethren, the whole seed of
 Ephraim.

And thou, pray thou not for this people, 16
 Neither lift up cry nor prayer for them,
 Neither make intercession to me,
 For I will not hear thee.
 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah, 17
 And in the streets of Jerusalem?
 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, 18
 And the women knead dough,
 To make cakes to the queen of heaven,
 And to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods,
 That they may provoke me to anger.
 Do they provoke me to anger? saith Jehovah: 19
 Is it not themselves *they provoke*,
 To the confusion of their own faces?
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, 20

Behold, mine anger and my wrath shall be poured out upon
 this place,
 Upon man, and upon beast,
 And upon the trees of the field,
 And upon the fruit of the ground ;
 And it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

- 21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel,
 Add your burnt-offerings to your sacrifices, and eat ye
 flesh :
- 22 For I spake not to your fathers, nor commanded them,
 In the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt,
 Concerning burnt-offerings or sacrifices :
- 23 But this thing I commanded them, saying,
 Hearken to my voice,
 And I will be your God, and ye shall be my people ;
 And walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you,
 That it may be well unto you :
- 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear,
 But walked in the counsels *and* in the stubbornness of their
 evil heart,
 And went backward, and not forward.
- 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth
 Out of the land of Egypt unto this day,
 I have also sent unto you all my servants the prophets,
 Urgently sending *them* day by day :
- 26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear,
 But hardened their neck,
 Acting more wickedly than their fathers.
- 27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them,
 But they will not hearken to thee ;
 Thou shalt also call unto them,
 But they will not answer thee.
- 28 Therefore thou shalt say unto them,
 This is a nation that hearkeneth not to the voice of Jehovah
 their God,
 Nor receiveth correction :
 Truth is perished, and destroyed from their mouth.
- 29 Cut off thy locks, *O Jerusalem*, and cast them away,
 And raise a lamentation on the heights !
 For Jehovah hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his
 wrath :

For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith 30
 Jehovah;
 They have set their abominations
 In the house which is called by my name, to pollute it ;
 And they have built the high places of Tophet, 31
 Which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom,
 To burn their sons and their daughters in the fire ;
 Which I commanded not, neither entered it into my heart.
 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, 32
 That it shall no more be called Tophet,
 Nor the valley of the son of Hinnom,
 But the valley of slaughter :
 For they shall bury in Tophet, for want of *other* place.
 And the carcases of this people shall be meat 33
 For the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth ;
 And none shall scare them away.
 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, 34
 And from the streets of Jerusalem,
 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness,
 The voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride ;
 For the land shall be desolate.

CHAP. VIII.—At that time, saith Jehovah, 1
 They shall bring forth the bones of the kings of Judah,
 And the bones of his princes,
 And the bones of the priests,
 And the bones of the prophets,
 And the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 From their sepulchres ;
 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, 2
 And all the host of heaven, whom they have loved,
 And whom they have served,
 And after whom they have walked,
 And whom they have sought,
 And whom they have worshipped :
 They shall not be gathered, nor be buried ;
 They shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.
 And death shall be chosen rather than life 3
 By all the residue of them that remain of this evil race,
 Which remain in all the places whither I have driven them,
 Saith Jehovah of hosts.

And thou shalt say unto them, thus saith Jehovah, 4

- Shall they fall, and not rise again?
 Shall one turn aside, and not return?
- 5 Why *then* hath this people of Jerusalem turned back
 With a perpetual backsliding?
 They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.
- 6 I listened and heard, *but* they speak what is not right :
 No man repenteth of his wickedness,
 Saying, What have I done?
 Every one turneth back at full speed,
 As a horse rusheth into the battle.
- 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times ;
 And the turtle-dove and the crane and the swallow
 Observe the time of their coming ;
 But my people know not the judgment of Jehovah.
- 8 How will ye say, We are wise,
 And the law of Jehovah is with us ?
 Lo, surely the false pen of scribes hath made *it* into falsehood.
- 9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken ;
 Lo, they have rejected the word of Jehovah,
 And what wisdom is in them ?
- 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others,
 Their fields to them that shall seize them :
 For, from the least even unto the greatest,
 Every one is greedy of gain ;
 From the prophet even unto the priest,
 Every one dealeth falsely ;
- 11 They have also healed the wounds of the daughter of my
 people slightly,
 Saying, Peace, Peace,—when there is no peace.
- 12 Are they ashamed that they have done what is abominable ?
 Nay, they are not at all ashamed,
 Neither know they how to blush.
 Therefore they shall fall among them that fall ;
 In the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith
 Jehovah.
- 13 I will utterly consume them, saith Jehovah ;
There shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig-tree,
 And the leaf shall fade ;
 And I will give *them* to those who shall overrun them.
- 14 Why do we sit still ? assemble yourselves !
 And let us enter into the fortified cities,

And let us be silent there:
 For Jehovah our God hath put us to silence,
 And given us a bitter draught to drink,
 Because we have sinned against Jehovah.
 We looked for peace, and there is nothing good; 15
 For a time of healing, and behold terror!
 From Dan is heard the snorting of their horses; 16
 At the sound of the neighing of their steeds,
 The whole land trembleth;
 For they come, and devour the land, and all that is in it;
 The city, and those that dwell therein.
 For, behold, I will send serpents, vipers, among you, 17
 Which cannot be charmed,
 And they shall bite you, saith Jehovah.

Oh for consolation in my sorrow! 18
 My heart within me is faint.
 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, 19
 From a far country:
 Is not Jehovah in Zion? is not her king in her?
 Why have they provoked me to anger
 With their graven images,—with foreign vanities?
 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, 20
 And we are not saved!
 For the wounds of the daughter of my people am I 21
 wounded;
 I am a mourner; astonishment hath seized me.
 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? 22
 Why then is not the remedy applied to the daughter of my
 people?

CHAP. IX.—Oh that my head were waters, 1
 And mine eyes a fountain of tears,
 That I might weep day and night
 For the slain of the daughter of my people!
 Oh that I had in the wilderness a traveller's lodging-place, 2
 That I might leave my people, and go from them!
 For they are all adulterers,
 An assembly of treacherous men.
 And they bend their tongues, *like* their bow, *for* falsehood, 3
 But are not valiant for truth in the land;
 For they proceed from evil to evil,
 And know not me, saith Jehovah.

- 4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour,
And trust ye not in any brother;
For every brother will surely supplant,
And every neighbour will go about to slander.
- 5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour,
And will not speak the truth:
They have taught their tongue to speak falsehood,
They weary themselves to commit iniquity.
- 6 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit;
Through deceit they refuse to know me, saith Jehovah.
- 7 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
Behold, I will melt them, and try them;
For how shall I act on account of the daughter of my
people?
- 8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow, it speaketh deceit:
Each speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth,
But in heart he layeth his snares.
- 9 Shall I not visit them for these *things*? saith Jehovah;
Shall not my soul avenge itself on such a nation as this?
- 10 For the mountains will I lift up a weeping and wailing,
And for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation,
Because they are burned up,
So that none can pass through them;
Neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle;
Both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled *and* gone.
- 11 And I will make Jerusalem ruinous heaps,
A dwelling-place of jackals;
And I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an
inhabitant.
- 12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this?
And he to whom the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken,
That he may declare it,—
Why the land perisheth, *and* is burned up like a wilderness,
That none passeth through?
- 13 And Jehovah saith,
Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them,
And have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;
- 14 But have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart,
And after the images of Baal,
Which their fathers taught them:
- 15 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel,
Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood,

And give them a bitter draught to drink.
 I will scatter them also among the nations, 16
 Whom neither they nor their fathers have known ;
 And I will send a sword after them,
 Till I have consumed them.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, 17
 Consider ye, and call for the mourning women,
 That they may come,
 And send for the skilful ones, that they may come ;
 And let them hasten and lift up a wailing for us, 18
 That our eyes may run down with tears,
 And our eyelids gush out with waters.
 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion : 19
 How are we spoiled, and greatly put to shame !
 Because we have forsaken the land,
 Because our dwellings have cast us out.
 Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O ye women, 20
 And let your ear receive the word of his mouth,
 And teach your daughters wailing,
 And every one her neighbour lamentation.
 For death is come up by our windows, 21
 It is entered into our palaces,
 To cut off the children from the streets,
 The young men from the open places.
 Speak, Thus saith Jehovah, 22
 The carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field,
 And as the handful behind the harvest-man,
 And none shall gather them.

Thus saith Jehovah, 23
 Let not a wise man glory in his wisdom,
 Neither let the mighty glory in his might,
 Let not a rich man glory in his riches :
 But let him that glorieth glory in this,— 24
 That he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah,
 Who exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness,
 in the earth ;
 For in these I delight, saith Jehovah.
 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, 25
 That I will punish all that are circumcised,
 With the uncircumcised :
 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, 26
 And the children of Ammon, and Moab,

And all that have clipped beards,
 That dwell in the wilderness :
 For all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised ;
 And uncircumcised in heart is the whole house of Israel.

- 1 CHAP. X.—Hear ye the word which Jehovah speaketh
 unto you, O house of Israel !
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah,
 Learn not the way of the nations,
 And be not dismayed at the signs of the heavens ;
 For the nations are dismayed at them.
- 3 For the customs of the peoples are vain :
 For they cut down a tree out of the forest,
 The work of the hands of the workman, with the axe ;
- 4 They deck it with silver and with gold ;
 They fasten it with nails and with hammers,
 That it move not.
- 5 They are like a pillar of turned-work, and cannot speak ;
 They must needs be borne, because they cannot walk.
 Be not afraid of them, for they cannot do evil,
 Neither also is it in their power to do good.
- 6 There is none like unto thee, O Jehovah !
 Thou art great, and thy name is great in might.
- 7 Who would not fear thee, O king of nations ?
 For to thee doth it appertain :
 For among all the wise men of the nations,
 And in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.
- 8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish :
 The wood itself is a teacher of vanities.
- 9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish,
 And gold from Uphaz,
 The work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder :
 Blue and purple is their clothing ;
 The work of the skilful all of them.
- 10 But Jehovah is the true God,
 He is the living God, and an everlasting King ;
 At his wrath the earth shall tremble,
 And the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.
- 11 Thus shall ye say unto them,
 The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth,
 Shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.
- 12 He hath made the earth by his power,
 He hath established the world by his wisdom,

And by his understanding hath stretched out the heavens.
 When he uttereth his voice, 13
 There is a tumult of waters in the heavens,
 And he causeth clouds to ascend from the ends of the
 earth ;
 He maketh lightnings for the rain,
 And bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
 Every man is become brutish by *his* knowledge ; 14
 Every founder is put to shame by the graven image :
 For his molten image is falsehood,
 And there is no breath in them.
 They are vanity, the work of delusions ; 15
 In the time of their visitation they shall perish.
 Not like these is the portion of Jacob, 16
 For he is the creator of all things,
 And Israel is the rod of his inheritance :
 Jehovah of hosts is his name.

Gather up thy goods out of the land, 17
 O inhabitant of the fortress !
 For thus saith Jehovah, 18
 Behold, I will hurl out the inhabitants of the land at this
 time,
 And will distress them, that they may feel it.

Woe is me for my bruise ! my wound is grievous : 19
 But I said, Truly this is *my* grief, and I must bear it.
 My tent is laid waste, and all my cords are broken ; 20
 My children are gone forth from me, and they are not ;
 There is none to pitch my tent any more,
 Or to set up my tent-curtains.
 For the pastors are become brutish, 21
 And have not sought Jehovah ;
 Wherefore they do not prosper,
 And all their flocks are scattered.
 The sound of tidings—behold, it cometh, 22
 And a great commotion out of the land of the north,
 To make the cities of Judah desolate, a dwelling-place of
 jackals.

I know, O Jehovah, that the way of man is not in himself : 23
 It is not for man that passeth away to direct his steps. 24
 Correct me, O Jehovah, but in measure,

“Not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
 25 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee not,
 And upon the races that call not on thy name;
 For they have devoured Jacob;
 They have devoured him, and consumed him,
 And made his habitation desolate.

1 CHAP. XI.—The word which came to Jeremiah from
 Jehovah, saying,

2 Hear ye the words of this covenant,
 And speak unto the men of Judah,
 And to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
 3 And say thou unto them,
 Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel,—
 Cursed be the man that heareth not the words of this cove-
 nant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers,
 In the day when I brought them forth out of the land of
 Egypt,

From the iron furnace, saying,
 Harken to my voice, and do them,
 According to all which I command you;
 So shall ye be my people, and I will be your God;

5 That I may perform the oath
 Which I have sworn unto your fathers,
 To give them a land flowing with milk and honey,
 As it is this day.
 Then I answered, and said, So be it, O Jehovah.

6 Then Jehovah said unto me,
 Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah,
 And in the streets of Jerusalem, saying,
 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.

7 For I solemnly admonished your fathers,
 In the day when I brought them up out of the land of
 Egypt, *and* unto this day,
 Earnestly speaking and admonishing them,
 Saying, Harken to my voice:

8 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear,
 But walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart.
 Therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this cove-
 nant,

Which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.

And Jehovah said unto me, 9
 A conspiracy hath been found among the men of Judah,
 And among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
 They have turned back 10
 To the iniquities of their fathers of old,
 Who refused to hear my words ;
 And they too have gone after other gods to serve them :
 The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my
 covenant,
 Which I made with their fathers.
 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, 11
 Behold, I will bring calamity upon them,
 From which they shall not be able to escape ;
 And they shall cry unto me,
 But I will not hearken unto them.
 Then shall the cities of Judah 12
 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 Go and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense ;
 But they shall not save them at all
 In the time of their calamity.
 For as many as thy cities have been thy gods, O Judah ; 13
 And as many as the streets of Jerusalem,
 Have ye set up altars to a thing of shame,
 Altars to burn incense unto Baal !
 Therefore pray thou not for this people, 14
 Neither lift up a cry or prayer for them :
 For I will not hear them
 In the time when they cry to me
 On account of their calamity.
 What hath my beloved to do in my house, 15
Seeing she worketh her devices ?
 Shall vows and holy flesh remove thy calamity from thee,
 So that thou mayest then rejoice ?
 Jehovah named thee 16
 A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit :
 With the sound of a great noise he kindleth fire upon it,
 And its branches are broken.
 For Jehovah of hosts, who planted thee, 17
 Hath pronounced evil against thee,
 On account of the evil of the house of Israel,
 And of the house of Judah,
 Which they have wrought for themselves,
 To provoke me to anger by offering incense to Baal.

- 18 Now Jehovah informed me and I know it ;
 Then thou showedst me their doings.
- 19 For I was like a tame lamb that is led to slaughter ;
 And I knew not that they had formed purposes against me,
saying,
 Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof,
 And let us cut him off from the land of the living,
 That his name may be no more remembered.
- 20 But, O Jehovah of hosts, who judgest righteously,
 Who triest the reins and the heart,
 Let me see thy vengeance on them ;
 For unto thee have I committed my cause.
- 21 Therefore thus saith Jehovah,
 Of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life,
 Saying, Prophecy not in the name of Jehovah,
 That thou die not by our hand :
- 22 Therefore, thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
 Behold, I will punish them :
 The young men shall die by the sword,
 And their sons and their daughters shall die by famine,
- 23 And there shall be no remnant of them ;
 For I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth,
Even in the year of their visitation.

- 1 CHAP. XII.—Righteous art thou, O Jehovah,
 When I plead with thee ;
 Yet let me reason with thee of *thy* judgments :
 Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper ?
Wherefore are all they secure that deal very treacherously ?
- 2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root ;
 They grow, yea, they bring forth fruit :
 Thou art near in their mouth, and far from their hearts.
- 3 But thou, O Jehovah, knowest me ;
 Thou hast seen me, and tried my heart toward thee :
 Pull them out like sheep for slaughtering,
 And devote them to a day of slaughter.
- 4 How long shall the land mourn,
 And the herbage of every field wither,
 For the wickedness of them that dwell therein ?
 The beasts are consumed, and the birds ;
 Because they say, He will not see our end.
- 5 If thou hast run with footmen, and they have wearied thee,

Then how wilt thou contend with horses ?
 And *if it be thus* in a land of peace,
 In which thou art confident,
 Then how wilt thou do in the thickets of Jordan ?
 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, 6
 Even they have dealt treacherously with thee ;
 Yea, they cry after thee with full *voice* :
 Trust them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

I have forsaken my house, I have left my heritage ; 7
 I have given the beloved of my soul into the hand of her
 enemies.
 My heritage is become to me as a lion in the forest ; 8
 She uttereth her voice against me ;
 Therefore have I hated her.
 My heritage is unto me as a ravenous bird of prey, 9
 The birds of prey round about are against her ;
 Come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field,
 Bring them to devour !
 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, 10
 They have trodden my portion under foot,
 They have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
 They have made it a desolation ; 11
 Desolate it mourneth unto me ;
 The whole land is made desolate,
 Because no man layeth it to heart.
 Over all the high places in the wilderness come spoilers ; 12
 For the sword of Jehovah devoureth
 From *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land ;
 No flesh hath peace.
 They have sown wheat, but they reap thorns ; 13
 They weary themselves, they do not profit :
 And they shall be ashamed of their harvest,
 Because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah against all my evil neighbours, 14
 That assail the inheritance
 Which I have caused my people Israel to inherit :
 Behold, I will pluck them out of their land,
 And pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
 And it shall come to pass, 15
 After that I have plucked them out,
 I will again have compassion on them,

- And will restore them,
 Every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
 16 And it shall come to pass,
 If they will diligently learn the ways of my people,
 To swear by my name, *Saying*, As Jehovah liveth:
 Then shall they be built in the midst of my people.
 17 But if they will not obey,
 I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith Je-
 hovah.

1 CHAP. XIII.—Thus saith Jehovah unto me, Go and get
 thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it
 2 not into water. So I got a girdle, according to the word of
 Jehovah, and put it on my loins.

3 And the word of Jehovah came unto me a second time,
 4 saying, Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy
 loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft
 5 of the rock. So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as Jehovah
 commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that Jehovah said
 unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from
 7 thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. Then I
 went to the Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from
 the place where I had hidden it: and, behold, the girdle was
 8 marred, it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of
 Jehovah came unto me, saying,

- 9 Thus saith Jehovah,
 After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah,
 And the great pride of Jerusalem.
 10 This evil people, who refuse to hear my words,
 Who walk in the stubbornness of their heart,
 And walk after other gods,
 To serve them, and to worship them,
 Shall even be as this girdle, which is profitable for nothing.
 11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man,
 So have I caused the whole house of Israel,
 And the whole house of Judah,
 To cleave unto me, saith Jehovah;
 That they might be unto me for a people,
 And for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory:
 But they would not hearken.

- 12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word,—
 Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel,

- Every vessel shall be filled with wine ;
 And they shall say unto thee,
 Do we not certainly know that every vessel is filled with
 wine ?
- Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, 13
 Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land,
 Even the kings that sit upon David's throne,
 And the priests, and the prophets,
 And all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
 And I will dash them one against another, 14
 Even the fathers and the sons together, saith Jehovah ;
 I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.
- Hear ye, and give ear ; 15
 Be not lifted up ; for Jehovah speaketh :
 Give glory to Jehovah your God, 16
 Before he cause darkness,
 And before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains ;
 And, while ye look for light,
 He turn it into the shadow of death,
 Making it thick darkness.
 But if ye will not hear it, 17
 My soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride ;
 And mine eye shall weep sorely and run down with tears,
 Because the flock of Jehovah is carried away captive.
- Say unto the king and to the queen, 18
 Humble yourselves, sit ye down ;
 For from your heads shall come down the crown of your
 glory.
- The cities of the south shall be shut up,
 And none shall open them ; 19
 Judah shall be carried away captive, all of it,
 It shall be wholly carried away captive.
 Lift up your eyes, 20
 And behold them that come from the north ;
 Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock ?
 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee ? 21
 For thou thyself hast taught them
To be united as chiefs over thee ;
 Shall not pains take hold of thee, as a woman in travail ?
 And when thou sayest in thy heart, 22
 Wherefore come these things upon me ?—
 For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered,

Thy heels stripped bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?

Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble

That passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This is thy lot, the portion measured to thee by me, saith
Jehovah;

Because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore will I uncover thy skirts over thy face,

That thy shame may appear.

27 Thine adulteries, and thy neighings,

The lewdness of thy harlotry, on the hills, in the fields,

Thine abominations, have I seen.

Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem!

Wilt thou not be made clean? how much longer shall it be?

1 CHAP. XIV.—The word of Jehovah which came to
Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish;

They mourn upon the ground;

And the cry of Jerusalem ascendeth.

3 And their nobles send forth their servants for water:

They come to the pits, *and* find no water;

They return with their vessels empty;

They are ashamed and confounded, and cover their heads.

4 For this cause is the ground in dismay,

That there has been no rain in the land:

The husbandmen are ashamed, they cover their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also hath calved in the field,

And forsaken her young,

Because there was no grass.

6 And the wild asses stand on the high grounds,

They snuff up the wind like jackals;

Their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.

7 O Jehovah, though our iniquities testify against us,

Act thou for thy name's sake;

For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 O hope of Israel, Saviour thereof in time of trouble!

Why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land,

And as a wayfaring man

That turneth aside to tarry for the night?

9 Why shouldest thou be as a man that is stunned,

As a mighty man that cannot save ?
 Yet thou, O Jehovah, art in the midst of us,
 And we are called by thy name ; leave us not.

Thus saith Jehovah unto this people, 10
 Thus have they loved to wander,
 They have not restrained their feet ;
 Therefore Jehovah doth not accept them :
 He will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

Then said Jehovah unto me, 11
 Pray not for this people for *their* good.
 When they fast, I will not hearken to their cry ; 12
 And when they offer a burnt-offering and a meal-offering,
 I will not accept them :
 But I will consume them by the sword,
 And by the famine, and by the pestilence.

Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah ! 13
 Behold, the prophets say unto them,
 Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine ;
 But I will give you assured peace in this place.
 Then Jehovah said unto me, 14
 The prophets prophesy lies in my name ;
 I sent them not, neither commanded them,
 Neither spake unto them ;
 They prophesy unto you a false vision and divination,
 And a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah, 15
 Concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name,
 Though I sent them not,
 And who say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land ;
 By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.
 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in 16
 the streets of Jerusalem,
 Because of the famine and the sword ;
 And they shall have none to bury them,
 Them, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters ;
 For I will pour their wickedness upon them.

Thou shalt also speak this word unto them : 17
 Mine eyes shall run down with tears night and day,
 And shall not cease ;
 For the virgin daughter of my people is bruised,
 With a great bruise, with a very grievous blow.
 If I go forth into the field, 18
 Then behold the slain with the sword !

And if I enter into the city,
 Then behold them that are pining with famine !
 Yea, both prophet and priest are departing into a land that
 they know not.

- 19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah?
 Hath thy soul loathed Zion?
 Why hast thou smitten us,
 So that there is no healing for us?
 We looked for peace, and there is nothing good ;
 And for a time of healing, and behold terror !
 20 We acknowledge, O Jehovah, our wickedness,
 The iniquity of our fathers ;
 For we have sinned against thee.
 21 Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake,
 Do not disgrace the throne of thy glory :
 Remember, break not, thy covenant with us.
 22 Are there *any* among the vanities of the nations that can
 cause rain ?
 Or can the heavens give showers ?
 Art not thou he, O Jehovah our God ?
 Therefore we will wait for thee,
 For thou hast made all these things.

- 1 CHAP. XV.—Then said Jehovah unto me,
 Though Moses and Samuel stood before me,
 My soul *could not be moved* toward this people :
 Cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth.
 2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee,
 Whither shall we go forth ?
 Then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith Jehovah,
 Such as are for death, to death ;
 And such as are for the sword, to the sword ;
 And such as are for the famine, to the famine ;
 And such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.
 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds of *destroyers*, saith
 Jehovah,—
 The sword to slay, and the dogs to tear,
 And the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth,
 To devour and destroy.
 4 And I will give them up for ill-treatment
 To all the kingdoms of the earth,
 Because of Manassch the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah,

For that which he did in Jerusalem.

For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? 5
 Or who shall bemoan thee?
 Or who shall go aside to ask how thou farest?
 Thou hast forsaken me, saith Jehovah, 6
 Thou hast gone backward:
 Therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee,
 And destroy thee;
 I am weary of relenting.
 And I will scatter them with a fan 7
 Through the gates of the land;
 I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people,
Since they return not from their ways.
 Their widows shall be more numerous than the sand of the seas:
 I have brought upon them,
Even against the mother of young men,
 A spoiler at noonday;
 I have caused anguish and terrors to fall suddenly upon
 them.
 She that hath borne seven languisheth; 9
 She giveth up the ghost;
 Her sun hath gone down while it is yet day;
 She is ashamed and confounded;
 And the residue of them will I deliver to the sword
 Before their enemies, saith Jehovah.

Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me, 10
 A man of strife, and a man of contention,
 To the whole land!
 I have neither lent money, nor have men lent to me;
Yet every one of them doth curse me.
 Jehovah saith, 11
 Truly thy persecution shall be turned to good;
 Truly I will cause the enemy to be a suppliant to thee,
 In the time of evil and in the time of distress.
 Can the iron from the north break iron and brass? 12
 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil 13
 without price,
 For all thy sins, and in all thy borders.
 And I will make thine enemies pass away 14
 Into a land which thou knowest not;

For a fire is kindled in mine anger, *and* shall burn against
you.

15 O Jehovah, thou knowest:

Remember me, and visit me,

And avenge me of my persecutors;

Take me not away in thy long-suffering *towards them*;

Know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach.

16 As soon as thy words were found I devoured them,

And thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;

For I am called by thy name, O Jehovah God of hosts.

17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced;

I sat alone because of thy hand;

For thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my grief perpetual,

And my wound hard to cure, refusing to be healed?

Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a deceitful brook,

Whose waters abide not?

19 Therefore thus saith Jehovah,

If thou wilt return, then will I restore thee;

Thou shalt stand before me:

And if thou wilt bring forth the precious from the vile,

Thou shalt be as my mouth;

Let them return unto thee,

But return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people *as* a fortified wall of
brass,

And they shall fight against thee,

But shall not prevail over thee;

For I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith
Jehovah:

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked,

And I will redeem thee out of the grasp of the terrible.

1 CHAP. XVI.—The word of Jehovah came also unto me,
saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife,

Neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith Jehovah,

Concerning the sons and concerning the daughters

That are born in this place,

And concerning their mothers that bare them,

And concerning their fathers that begat them in this land:

4 They shall die of deadly diseases;

They shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried;
 They shall be as dung upon the face of the earth:
 And they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine;
 And their carcases shall be for food
 To the fowls of heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

For thus saith Jehovah, 5
 Enter not into the house of mourning,
 Neither go to lament nor bemoan them;
 For I have taken away my peace from this people, saith
 Jehovah,
Even loving-kindness and tender mercies.
 Both the great and the small shall die in this land; 6
 They shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them,
 Nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them;
 Neither shall they break bread with one that mourneth, 7
 To comfort him for the dead;
 Neither give them the cup of consolation to drink,
 For their father or for their mother.

And into the house of feasting thou shalt not enter 8
 To sit with them to eat and to drink.
 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; 9
 Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place,
 In your eyes, and in your days,
 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness,
 The voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt declare to this 10
 people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Where-
 fore hath Jehovah pronounced all this great evil against us?
 or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have
 committed against Jehovah our God?—then shalt thou say
 unto them,

Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith Jehovah, 11
 And have gone after other gods,
 And have served them, and have worshipped them,
 And have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;
 And ye yourselves have done still worse than your fathers: 12
 For, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his
 evil heart,

So as not to hearken unto me:
 Therefore will I cast you out of this land 13
 Into a land which ye know not, ye or your fathers;
 And there shall ye serve other gods day and night;

For I will show you no favour.

- 14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah,
That it shall no more be said,
As Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children of Israel
Out of the land of Egypt:
- 15 But, As Jehovah liveth,
Who brought up the children of Israel
Out of the land of the north,
And from all the lands whither he had driven them:
For I will bring them back into their own land
Which I gave to their fathers.
- 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Jehovah,
And they shall fish them;
And afterwards I will send for many hunters,
And they shall hunt them from every mountain,
And from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
- 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways;
They are not concealed from me,
Neither is their iniquity hidden from mine eyes.
- 18 And first I will requite doubly their iniquity and their sin;
Because they have profaned my land
With the carcases of their detestable *sacrifices*,
And with their abominations have filled mine inheritance.
- 19 O Jehovah, my strength, and my fortress,
And my refuge in the day of distress,
Unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth,
And shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies,
Vanity, and *things* wherein there is no profit.
- 20 Shall a man make for himself gods, and they are no gods?
- 21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know,
I will cause them to know my hand and my might;
And they shall know that my name is JEHOVAH.

- 1 CHAP. XVII.—The sin of Judah is written with a pen
of iron,
With the point of a diamond;
It is graven upon the tablet of their heart,
And upon the horns of your altars;
- 2 When they remember their children,
Their altars, and their columns of Astarte;
By the green trees, upon the high hills.

O my mountain in the field ! 3
 Thy substance *and* all thy treasures will I give to the spoil,
 Thy high places, on account of sin, throughout all thy borders.
 And thou, even by thyself, shalt be thrust out 4
 From thine inheritance which I gave thee ;
 And I will make thee serve thine enemies
 In a land which thou knowest not ;
 For ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn
 for ever.

Thus saith Jehovah, 5
 Cursed be the man that trusteth in man,
 And maketh flesh his arm,
 And whose heart departeth from Jehovah ;
 For he shall be like one forlorn in the desert ; 6
 And shall not see when good cometh,
 But shall dwell in parched places in the wilderness,
 In a barren land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, 7
 And whose hope is Jehovah :
 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, 8
 Which sendeth out its roots by a running stream,
 And shall not fear when heat cometh,
 But its leaf shall be green ;
 And shall not be anxious in a year of drought,
 Neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all *things*, 9
 Yea, it is hard to cure,—who can know it ?
 I, Jehovah, search the heart, and try the reins, 10
 Even to give to every man according to his ways,
 According to the fruit of his doings.
 As the partridge sitteth on *eggs* which she hath not laid, 11
 So is he that getteth riches, and not by right :
 In the midst of his days, he shall leave them,
 And at his end shall be a fool.

A throne of glory, on high from the beginning, 12
 Is the place of our sanctuary.
 O Jehovah, the hope of Israel, 13
 All that forsake thee shall be ashamed.
 They that depart from me shall be written in the dust ;
 Because they have forsaken Jehovah,
 The fountain of living waters.

- 14 Heal me, O Jehovah, and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved;
For thou art my praise.
- 15 Behold, they say unto me,
Where is the word of Jehovah?—let it come now.
- 16 As for me, I have not refused to follow thee, as a shepherd,
Neither have I desired the woeful day, thou knowest:
That which came out of my lips has been before thy face.
- 17 Be not a terror unto me;
My refuge art thou in the day of evil.
- 18 Let them be ashamed that persecute me,
But let not me be ashamed;
Let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed;
Bring upon them the day of evil,
And destroy them with double destruction.
- 19 Thus said Jehovah unto me; Go and stand in the gate of
the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come
20 in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;
and say unto them, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, ye
kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
that enter in by these gates: thus saith Jehovah,
- 21 Take heed to yourselves,
And carry no burden on the sabbath-day,
Nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem:
Neither take forth a burden out of your houses
- 22 On the sabbath day, neither do ye any work;
But hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.
- 23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear,
But made their neck stiff,
That they might not hear, nor receive instruction.
- 24 And it shall come to pass,
If ye hearken diligently unto me, saith Jehovah,
To bring in no burden through the gates of this city
On the sabbath day,
But hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;
- 25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city
Kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David,
Riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes,
The men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
And this city shall remain for ever.
- 26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah,
And from the places about Jerusalem,

And from the land of Benjamin, and from the low country,
 And from the mountains, and from the south,
 Bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices,
 And meal-offerings, and incense,
 And bringing sacrifices of praise,
 Unto the house of Jehovah.
 But if ye will not hearken unto me,
 To hallow the sabbath day,
 And not to carry a burden,
 And enter in at the gates of Jerusalem
 On the sabbath day;
 Then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof,
 And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem,
 And it shall not be quenched.

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CHAP. XVIII.—The word which came to Jeremiah from 1
 Jehovah, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, 2
 and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went 3
 down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work
 on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was 4
 marred in the hand of the potter: so he began again, and
 made another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.
 Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

5

O house of Israel,
 Cannot I do with you as this potter?—saith Jehovah.
 Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand,
 So are ye in my hand, O house of Israel.
 Whenever I shall speak concerning a nation,
 And concerning a kingdom,
 To pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy;
 If that nation, against whom I have spoken, turn from their
 evil,

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I will repent of the evil that I purposed to do unto them.
 And whenever I shall speak concerning a nation,
 And concerning a kingdom,
 To build up and to plant;
 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice,
 Then I will repent of the good,
 Wherewith I have said I would benefit them.

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Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah,
 And to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,
 Thus saith Jehovah,
 Behold, I frame evil against you,

11

- And devise a device against you :
Return ye now every one from his evil way,
And amend your ways and your doings.
- 12 And they said, It is in vain ;
For we will walk after our own devices,
And we will every one act in the stubbornness of his evil heart.
- 13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah,
Ask ye now among the heathen,
Who hath heard of such things ?—
The virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible deed :
- 14 Shall the snow of Lebanon depart from the rock of the field ?
Shall the cold flowing waters from afar be dried up,
15 That my people hath forgotten me,
And have burned incense to vanity ?
And that the ancient paths have made them to stumble in their ways,
To walk in by-paths, *in* a way not formed,
- 16 To make their land desolate, a perpetual hissing ?
Every one that passeth through it shall be astonished,
And shake his head.
- 17 I will scatter them, as with an east wind,
Before the enemy ;
I will show them the back, and not the face,
In the day of their calamity.
- 18 Then they said,
Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah ;
For the law shall not perish from the priest,
Nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet :
Come, and let us smite him with the tongue,
And let us not give heed to any of his words.
- 19 Give heed to me, O Jehovah,
And hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.
- 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good,
That they have digged a pit for my soul ?
Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them,
To turn away thy wrath from them.
- 21 Therefore give up their children to the famine,
And deliver them into the power of the sword ;
And let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows ;

And let their men be killed by pestilence,
 Their young men slain by the sword in battle.
 Let a cry be heard from their houses, 22
 When thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them :
 Because they have digged a pit to take me,
 And laid snares for my feet.
 But thou, O Jehovah, knowest all their counsel 23
 Against my life ;
 Forgive not their iniquity,
 Neither blot out their sin from thy sight,
 But let them be overthrown before thee ;
 Deal with them in the time of thine anger.

CHAP. XIX.—Thus saith Jehovah, Go and buy a potter's 1
 earthen bottle, and *take with thee* some of the elders of the
 people, and of the elders of the priests : and go forth unto 2
 the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of
 the pottery gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall
 tell thee, and say,

Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and 3
 inhabitants of Jerusalem ; Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the
 God of Israel ; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place,
 such that whosoever heareth thereof, his ears shall tingle.
 Because they have forsaken me, and have alienated this 4
 place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, which
 neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of
 Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocent
children. They have built also the high places of Baal, to 5
 burn their sons in the fire, *as* burnt-offerings unto Baal,
 which I commanded not, nor spake of, neither entered it into
 my heart. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, 6
 that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The val-
 ley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.
 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem 7
 in this place ; and I will cause them to fall by the sword be-
 fore their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their
 lives ; and their carcases will I give to be food to the fowls
 of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. And I will 8
 make this city desolate, and a hissing ; every one that
 passeth by it shall be astonished and hiss because of all the
 calamities thereof. And I will cause them to eat the flesh of 9
 their sons, and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall
 eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and the dis-

tress, with which their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall distress them.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men
 11 that go with thee, and shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts; even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall be buried in Tophet, for want
 12 of room to bury. Thus will I do unto this place, saith Jehovah, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this
 13 city as Tophet: and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be unclean as the place of Tophet, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither Jehovah had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the house
 15 of Jehovah, and said to all the people, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against her, because they have hardened their necks, so as not to hearken to my words.

1 CHAP. XX.—Now Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief overseer in the house of Jehovah, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. Then Pashur smote
 2 Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the torture-frame which was in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of Jehovah.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashur brought Jeremiah forth out of the torture-frame. Then said Jeremiah unto him, Jehovah hath not called thy name Pashur [PROSPERITY AROUND], but Magor-missabib [TERROR ON EVERY
 4 SIDE]. For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon,
 5 and he shall slay them with the sword. And I will give all the wealth of this city, and all the *fruits* of its labour, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah, I will give *them* into the hand of their enemies, and they shall spoil them, and take them, and carry
 6 them to Babylon. And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in

thy house, shall go into captivity ; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

Thou didst entice me, O Jehovah, and I was enticed ; 7
 Thou wast stronger than I, and didst prevail :
 I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.
 For as often as I speak, I cry aloud, 8
 Violence and oppression is my cry ;
 Because the word of Jehovah is made a reproach
 And a scorn unto me, daily.
 Then I say, I will not make mention of him, 9
 Nor speak any more in his name :
 But it is within my heart as a burning fire
 Shut up in my bones,
 And I grow weary with enduring,
 And cannot *refrain*.
 For I hear the defaming of many, *even* terror on every side ; 10
 Denounce, *they say*, and we will denounce him.
 All my familiar friends watch for my overthrow,
Saying, Peradventure he will be enticed,
 And we shall prevail against him,
 And we shall take our revenge on him.
 But Jehovah is with me as a mighty warrior ; 11
 Wherefore my persecutors shall stumble,
 And shall not prevail :
 They shall be greatly ashamed, for they act not wisely ;
Their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.
 But, O Jehovah of hosts, who triest the righteous, 12
 Who seest the reins and the heart,
 Let me see thy vengeance on them ;
 For unto thee have I opened my cause.
 Sing unto Jehovah, praise ye Jehovah ; 13
 For he hath delivered the soul of the poor
 From the hand of evil doers.

Cursed be the day wherein I was born ; 14
 Let not the day be blessed wherein my mother bare me.
 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, 15
 Saying, A man child is born unto thee ;
 Making him rejoice greatly.
 And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew 16
 without relenting ;

- And let him hear a cry in the morning,
 And an alarm at noon-tide ;
 17 Because he slew me not from the womb ;
 So that my mother might have been my grave,
 And her womb still undelivered.
 18 Wherefore came I forth from the womb
 To see trouble and sorrow,
 That my days should be consumed in shame ?

- 1 CHAP. XXI.—The word which came unto Jeremiah from
 Jehovah, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son
 of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest,
 2 saying, “Inquire, I pray thee, of Jehovah for us ; for Nebu-
 chadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us ; if so be
 that Jehovah will deal with us according to all his wondrous
 works, that he may go up from us.”
 3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, “Thus shall ye say to
 4 Zedekiah : Thus saith Jehovah God of Israel, Behold, I will
 turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, where-
 with ye fight against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans
 who besiege you without the walls, and I will gather them into
 5 the midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you
 with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, and with
 6 anger, and fury, and great wrath. And I will smite the
 inhabitants of this city, both man and beast : they shall die
 7 of a great pestilence. And afterwards, saith Jehovah, I will
 deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the
 people, and those who are left in this city by the pestilence,
 by the sword, and by the famine, into the hand of Nebuchad-
 rezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies,
 and into the hand of those who seek their life ; and he shall
 smite them with the edge of the sword ; he shall not spare
 them, neither have pity, nor show mercy.
 8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith Jehovah,
 Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of
 9 death. He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword,
 and by the famine, and by the pestilence ; but he that goeth
 out, and surrendereth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he
 10 shall live, and his life shall be unto him as a prey. For I
 have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good,
 saith Jehovah ; it shall be given into the hand of the king of
 Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.
 11 And to the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the

word of Jehovah, O house of David! Thus saith Jehovah, ¹²
 Execute judgment every morning, and deliver him that is
 spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go
 out like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because
 of the evil of your doings. Behold, I am against thee, ¹³
 O inhabitant of the valley and rock of the plain! saith
 Jehovah; ye who say, Who shall come down against us? or
 who shall enter into our habitations? And I will punish ¹⁴
 you according to the fruit of your doings, saith Jehovah;
 and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all
 around her."

CHAP. XXII.—Thus saith Jehovah, 1
 Go down to the house of the king of Judah,
 And speak there this word, and say,
 Hear the word of Jehovah, O king of Judah, 2
 That sittest upon the throne of David,
 Thou, and thy servants,
 And thy people that enter in by these gates: 3
 Thus saith Jehovah,
 Execute judgment and righteousness,
 And deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor;
 To the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,
 Do no wrong, do no violence,
 Neither shed innocent blood in this place. 4
 For if ye will indeed do this thing,
 Then shall there enter in by the gates of this house
 Kings sitting upon the throne of David,
 Riding in chariots and on horses,
 Each with his servants, and his people.
 But if ye will not hear these words, 5
 By myself have I sworn, saith Jehovah,
 That this house shall become a desolation.
 For thus saith Jehovah to the house of the king of Judah: 6
 Thou art as Gilead unto me, *and* the summit of Lebanon;
 Yet surely I will make thee a wilderness,
 And cities not inhabited.
 And I will appoint destroyers against thee, 7
 Every one with his weapons;
 And they shall cut down thy choice cedars,
 And cast them into the fire.
 And many nations shall pass by this city, 8
 And they shall say every man to his neighbour,

- 9 Wherefore hath Jehovah done thusto this great city?
 Then shall they answer,
 Because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah their God,
 And worshipped other gods, and served them.
- 10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bewail him;
 Weep ye sorely for him that is gone away,
 For he shall return no more, nor see his native land.
- 11 For thus saith Jehovah concerning Shallum,
 The son of Josiah, king of Judah,
 Who reigned instead of Josiah his father,
 Who went forth out of this place,—
 He shall not return thither any more;
- 12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him
 captive,
 And shall see this land no more.
- 13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness,
 And his upper-rooms by wrong;
 That letteth his neighbour work without wages,
 And payeth him not for his labour;
- 14 That saith, I will build me a large house,
 And spacious upper-rooms;
 And cutteth him out windows;
 And ceileth it with cedar, and painteth with vermilion!
- 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou rivallest *others* in cedar?
 Did not thy father eat and drink,
 And do judgment and justice?
 Then it was well with him;
- 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
 Then it was well *with him*:
 Was not this to know me?—saith Jehovah.
- 17 But thine eyes and thy heart are only upon, thine own
 gain,
 And on innocent blood, to shed it,
 And on oppression, and on violence, to do it.
- 18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah,
 Concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:
 They shall not lament for him, *saying*,
 Ah my brother! or, Ah my sister!
 They shall not lament for him, *saying*,
 Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!
- 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass,
 Dragged along and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

Go up to Lebanon, *O Jerusalem*, and cry, 20
 And lift up thy voice in Bashan,
 And cry from Abarim;
 For all thy lovers are destroyed.
 I spake unto thee in thy security; 21
 Thou saidst, I will not hear.
 This hath been thy manner from thy youth,
 That thou obeyedst not my voice.
 The wind shall consume all thy shepherds, 22
 And thy lovers shall go into captivity:
 Surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all
 thy wickedness.
 O inhabitant of Lebanon,
 That makest thy nest in the cedars, 23
 How pitiable wilt thou be when pangs come upon thee,
 Pain, as of a woman in travail!

As I live, saith Jehovah, 24
 Though Coniah, the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah,
 Were the signet upon my right hand,
 Yet from thence would I pluck thee.
 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, 25
 And into the hand of those whom thou fearest,
 Even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
 And into the hand of the Chaldeans.
 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, 26
 Into another land, where ye were not born,
 And there shall ye die.
 And into the land to which they desire to return, 27
 Thither shall they not return.
 Is this man Coniah a despised broken image? 28
 Is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure?
 Why are they cast out, he and his seed,
 And flung into a land which they know not?
 O land! land! land! hear the word of Jehovah: 29
 Thus saith Jehovah, Write ye this man childless, 30
 A man that shall not prosper in his days:
 For no man of his seed shall prosper,
 Sitting upon the throne of David, or ruling still in Judah.

CHAP. XXIII.—Woe to the shepherds that destroy 1
 And scatter the sheep of my pasture!—saith Jehovah:
 Therefore thus saith Jehovah God of Israel, 2

Concerning the shepherds that tend my people :
 Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away,
 And not taken care of them ;
 Behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith
 Jehovah :

- 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock
 Out of all the countries whither I have driven them,
 And will bring them back to their folds,
 And they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- 4 And I will set up shepherds over them who shall feed
 them ;
 And they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed,
 Neither shall there be *any* missing, saith Jehovah.
- 5 Behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
 *When I will raise unto David a righteous branch,
 And a king shall reign and act wisely,
 And shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- 6 In his days Judah shall be saved,
 And Israel shall dwell safely :
 And this is his name whereby he shall be called,
 Jehovah-Zidkenu [JEHOVAH IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS].
- 7 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
 When they shall no more say,
 As Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children of Israel
 Out of the land of Egypt ;
- 8 But, as Jehovah liveth, who brought up and who led
 The seed of the house of Israel out of the north country,
 And from all the countries whither I had driven them ;
 And they shall dwell in their own land.

Concerning the prophets:

- 9 My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake ;
 I am become like a drunken man,
 And like a man whom wine hath overcome,
 Because of Jehovah, and because of his holy words.
- 10 For the land is full of adulterers ;
 For the land mourneth because of a curse ;
 The pastures of the wilderness are dried up :
 They run to evil, and their power is unjust ;
- 11 For both prophet and priest are profane ;
 Yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith
 Jehovah.

Therefore their way shall be unto them as slippery paths in 12
the darkness ;

They shall be driven on, and fall therein ;

For I will bring evil upon them,

Even the year of their visitation, saith Jehovah.

As I saw folly in the prophets of Samaria, 13

Who prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err,

So, in the prophets of Jerusalem 14

Have I seen a horrible thing :

They commit adultery, and walk in falsehood ;

They strengthen also the hands of evil-doers,

So that no man turneth from his wickedness :

They are all of them unto me as Sodom,

And the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts 15

Concerning the prophets :

Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,

And make them drink a bitter draught ;

For from the prophets of Jerusalem hath profaneness gone
forth into all the land.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts : 16

Hearken not to the words of the prophets

That prophesy to you ;

They lead you to vanity ;

They speak a vision of their own heart,

Not from the mouth of Jehovah.

They say continually to them that despise me, 17

Jehovah hath said, Ye shall have peace ;

And to every one that walketh after the stubbornness of his
own heart, they say,

No evil shall come upon you :

But who hath stood in the secret council of Jehovah, 18

And perceived and heard his word ?

Who hath listened for his word, and heard it ?

Behold, the whirlwind of Jehovah goeth forth in fury, 19

Even a rushing whirlwind ;

It shall rush upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of Jehovah shall not turn back, 20

Until he hath executed, and until he hath accomplished,

The purposes of his heart :

In the latter days ye shall understand it perfectly.

I did not send these prophets, yet they ran ; 21

- I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
- 22 But if they had stood in my secret council,
Then would they have made my people hear my words,
And would have turned them from their evil way,
And from the evil of their doings.
- 23 Am I a God at hand, saith Jehovah,
And not a God afar off?
- 24 Can any man hide himself in secret places
That I may not see him? saith Jehovah;
Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah.
- 25 I have heard what the prophets have said,
That prophesy falsehood in my name,
Saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
- 26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets
That prophesy falsehood,
Even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart?
- 27 Who purpose to cause my people to forget my name,
By their dreams, which they tell one to another,
As their fathers forgot my name for Baal.
- 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream;
And he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.
What is the chaff to the wheat? saith Jehovah;
- 29 Is not then my word like a fire? saith Jehovah:
And like a hammer, that breaketh the rock in pieces?
- 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah,
That steal my words one from another.
- 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah,
That use their *own* tongues, and declare, He saith.
- 32 Behold, I am against the prophets of false dreams, saith
Jehovah,
Who tell them, and cause my people to err,
By their falsehoods, and by their boasting:
For I sent them not, nor commanded them;
And they shall not profit this people at all, saith Jehovah.
- 33 And when this people, or a prophet, or priest,
Shall ask thee, saying, What is the message of Jehovah?
Thou shalt then say unto them, What is the message?—
It is that I will east you away, saith Jehovah.
- 34 And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people,
That shall say, The message of Jehovah:
I will even punish that man and his house.
- 35 Thus shall ye say one to another,
And every man to his brother,—

What hath Jehovah answered ?
 And, What hath Jehovah spoken ?
 And the message of Jehovah shall ye mention no more ; 35
 For the message to every man shall be his *own* word :
 Since ye have perverted the words of the living God,
Even of Jehovah of hosts, our God.
 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet,— 37
 What hath Jehovah answered thee ?
 And, What hath Jehovah spoken ?
 Then if ye say, The message of Jehovah :— 38
 Therefore thus saith Jehovah,
 Because ye have said this word, The message of Jehovah,
 Although I sent unto you, saying,
 Ye shall not say, The message of Jehovah :—
 Therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you ; 39
 And I will cast you away,
 And the city that I gave you and your fathers,
 Out of my presence ;
 And I will put upon you an everlasting reproach, 40
 And an everlasting shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAP. XXIV.—Jehovah showed me, and, behold, two 1
 baskets of figs were set before the temple of Jehovah, after
 that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away cap-
 tive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the
 chief men of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from
 Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket 2
contained very good figs, like the figs first ripe ; and the other
 basket very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so
 bad. Then said Jehovah unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah ? 3
 And I said, Figs ; the good figs, very good ; and the bad,
 very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

Then the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 4
 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel : 5
 Like these good figs,
 So will I acknowledge for good the captives of Judah,
 Whom I have sent out of this place
 Into the land of the Chaldeans.
 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, 6
 And I will bring them back to this land :
 And I will build them, and not pull them down ;
 And I will plant them, and not pluck them up.
 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Jehovah : 7

- And they shall be my people, and I will be their God :
 For they shall return unto me with their whole heart.
 8 And like the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad,
 (Surely thus saith Jehovah,)
 So will I make Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes,
 And the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land,
 And them that dwell in the land of Egypt ;
 9 And I will give them up to hard treatment and affliction,
 Into all the kingdoms of the earth,
 To be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse,
 In all places whither I shall drive them.
 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence,
 among them,
 Till they be consumed from off the land
 That I gave unto them and to their fathers.

- 1 CHAP. XXV.—The word that came to Jeremiah concern-
 ing all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim
 the son of Josiah king of Judah, being the first year of Ne-
 buchadrezzar king of Babylon ; which Jeremiah the prophet
 spake concerning all the people of Judah, and to all the
 inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,
 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king
 of Judah even unto this day, being three and twenty years,
 the word of Jehovah hath come unto me, and I have spoken
 unto you, urgently speaking ; but ye have not hearkened.
 4 Jehovah also hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets,
 urgently sending *them* ; but ye have not hearkened, nor in-
 5 clined your ear to hear : Return ye now, they have said,
 every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings,
 and dwell in the land that Jehovah hath given to you and to
 6 your fathers for ever and ever ; and go not after other gods
 to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to
 anger with the work of your hands ; and I will do you no hurt.
 7 But ye have not hearkened unto me, saith Jehovah ; that ye
 might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands, to
 your own hurt.
 8 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Because ye have
 9 not hearkened to my words, behold, I will send and take all
 the tribes of the north, saith Jehovah, and Nebuchadrezzar the
 king of Babylon, my servant ; and I will bring them against
 this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against
 all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them,

and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual 10
desolations. I will also destroy from among them the voice
of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bride-
groom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the mill-
stones, and the light of the lamp. And this whole land 11
shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations
shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are com- 12
pleted, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that
nation, saith Jehovah, for their iniquity, and the land of
the Chaldeans, and will make it a perpetual desolation. And 13
I will bring upon that land all my words which I have spoken
against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jere-
miah hath prophesied against all the nations. For many 14
nations and great kings shall exact service of them also;
and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and
according to the work of their own hands.

For thus saith Jehovah God of Israel unto me: Take 15
this wine-cup of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations
to whom I send thee to drink it. And they shall drink, 16
and stagger, and be mad, because of the sword that I will
send among them.

Then I took the cup at the hand of Jehovah, and made all 17
the nations to drink, unto whom Jehovah had sent me; *even* 18
Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof,
and the princes thereof—to make them a desolation, an asto-
nishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day; Pharaoh 19
king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his
people; and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the 20
land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines,
and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of
Ashdod, Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, and 21
all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and the 22
kings of the lands which are beyond the sea, Dedan, and 23
Tema, and Buz, and all that have clipped beards, and all the 24
kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mixed people that
dwell in the desert, and all the kings of Zimri, and all the 25
kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes, and all the 26
kings of the north, who are far and near one towards another,
and all the kingdoms of the world which are upon the face
of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after
them.

And thou shalt say unto 'them,

- Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel :
Drink ye, and be drunken,
And vomit, and fall, and rise no more,
Because of the sword which I will send among you.
- 28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thy hand
to drink, then shalt thou say unto them,
Thus saith Jehovah of hosts : Ye shall certainly drink !
- 29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by
my name,
And shall ye be wholly unpunished ?—
Ye shall not be unpunished ;
For I will call for a sword
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth,
Saith Jehovah of hosts.
- 30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words,
And say unto them,
Jehovah shall roar from on high,
And from his holy habitation he shall give forth his voice ;
He shall loudly roar against his fold ;
He shall utter a shout, like them that tread *the grapes*,
Against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 31 The noise shall go even to the ends of the earth ;
For Jehovah hath a controversy with the nations,
He will pass judgment on all flesh ;
The wicked he will give up to the sword, saith Jehovah.
- 32 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts :
Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation,
And a great whirlwind shall be raised up
From the extremities of the earth.
- 33 And the slain of Jehovah shall be, at that day,
From *one* end of the earth to the *other* end of the earth :
They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried ;
They shall be for dung upon the ground.
- 34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry ;
And roll yourselves *in the dust*, ye leaders of the flock :
For the days of your slaughter have arrived ;
And I will break you in pieces,
And ye shall fall like a costly vessel.
- 35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee,
Nor the leaders of the flock to escape.
- 36 Hark ! the voice of the cry of the shepherds,
And the howling of the leaders of the flock :
For Jehovah layeth waste their pasture.

And the peaceful folds are destroyed, 37
 Because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.
 He hath left his covert, like a lion : 38
 For their land is desolate,
 Because of the fierceness of the destroying sword,
 And because of his fierce anger.

CHAP. XXVI.—In the beginning of the reign of Jehoi- 1
 akim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from
 Jehovah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah : Stand in the court of 2
 the house of Jehovah, and speak unto all the cities of Judah,
 which come to worship in the house of Jehovah, all the words
 that I command thee to speak unto them ; withhold not a 3
 word : if so be they will hearken, and turn every man from
 his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil which I
 purpose to do unto them, because of the evil of their doings.
 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah : If ye 4
 will not hearken to me, to walk in my law which I have
 set before you, to hearken to the words of my servants the 5
 prophets, whom I sent unto you, urgently sending *them*, but
 ye have not hearkened ; then will I make this house like 6
 Shiloh, and this city I will make a curse to all the nations of
 the earth.

And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard 7
 Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.
 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of 8
 speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak unto
 all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the
 people laid hold of him, saying, “Thou shalt surely die : why 9
 hast thou prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This
 house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate,
 without inhabitant ?” And all the people were gathered
 against Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

And when the chief men of Judah heard these things, 10
 they came up from the king’s house unto the house of Jehovah,
 and sat down in the entry of the new gate of Jehovah.
 Then the priests and the prophets spake unto the chief men 11
 and to all the people, saying, “This man is worthy to die ; for
 he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with
 your ears.”

Then spake Jeremiah unto all the chief men and to all the 12
 people, saying, “Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this
 house and against the city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and
 hearken to the voice of Jehovah your God; and Jehovah will
 repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.
 14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as
 15 seemeth good and right in your eyes. But know ye for
 certain, that if ye put me to death, ye will surely bring inno-
 cent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon
 the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth Jehovah hath sent me
 unto you to speak all these words in your ears."

16 Then said the chief men and all the people unto the priests
 and to the prophets, "This man is not worthy to die; for he
 17 hath spoken to us in the name of Jehovah our God." And
 certain of the elders of the land rose up, and spake to all the
 18 assembly of the people, saying, "Micah the Morasthite pro-
 phesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to
 all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts;
 Zion shall be ploughed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become
 heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the house the high places
 19 of a forest. Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put
 him to death? did he not fear Jehovah, and beseech Jehovah,
 so that Jehovah repented him of the evil which he had spoken
 against them? But we are doing great evil against our
 souls!"

20 (And there was also a man that prophesied in the name
 of Jehovah, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim,
 21 who prophesied against this city and against this land ac-
 cording to all the words of Jeremiah: and when Jehoiakim
 the king, with all his mighty men, and all the captains, heard
 his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when
 22 Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt.
 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, El-
 nathan the son of Achbor, and men with him into Egypt.
 23 And they fetched Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him to
 Jehoiakim the king; and he slew him with the sword, and
 cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.)

24 Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was
 with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand
 of the people, to put him to death.

1 CHAP. XXVII.—In the beginning of the reign of Jehoia-
 kim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto
 2 Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah to me:
 Make thee bands and yokes, and put them upon thy neck;

and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, 3
and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre,
and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers who
come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; and com- 4
mand them to say unto their masters, Thus saith Jehovah of
hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say unto your masters, 5
I have made the earth, man, and beast that are upon the earth,
by my great power, and by my outstretched arm; and I have
given it unto whomsoever it seemed meet unto me. And now 6
have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar
the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beast of the field
have I given him also to serve him. And all nations shall serve 7
him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his
land, even his, shall come: and then many nations and great
kings shall exact service of him. And it shall come to pass 8
that the nation and kingdom which will not serve him, even
Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and which will not put
their neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation
will I punish, saith Jehovah, with the sword, and with the
famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them
by his hand. Therefore hearken ye not to your prophets, 9
nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your sooth-
sayers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak unto you, saying,
Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy 10
a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land, and that I
should drive you out, and ye should perish. But the nations 11
that bring their neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon,
and serve him, them will I let remain still in their own land,
saith Jehovah; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

Then I spake to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all 12
these words, saying, Bring your necks into the yoke of the
king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the 13
famine, and by the pestilence, as Jehovah hath spoken against
the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? There- 14
fore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak
unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:
for they prophesy a lie unto you. For I have not sent them, 15
saith Jehovah, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I
should drive you out, and that ye should perish, ye, and the
prophets that prophesy unto you.

I spake also to the priests and to all this people, saying, 16
Thus saith Jehovah: Hearken not to the words of your pro-

phets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the house of Jehovah shall now be brought back in haste
 17 from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you. Harken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: where-
 18 fore should this city be laid waste? But if they be prophets, and if the word of Jehovah be with them, let them now make intercession to Jehovah of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.
 19 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the columns, and concerning the sea, and concerning the laver-stands, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this
 20 city, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of
 21 Judah and Jerusalem; yea, thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah
 22 and of Jerusalem; They shall be brought to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith Jehovah; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of Jehovah, in the presence of the priests and of
 2 all the people, saying, “Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of
 3 Babylon. Within the space of two years will I restore to this place all the vessels of the house of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place,
 4 and brought to Babylon: and I will restore to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith Jehovah; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.”

5 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of Jehovah; and Jeremiah the prophet said, “Amen! may Jehovah do so: Jehovah perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to restore
 7 the vessels of the house of Jehovah, and all the captives,

from Babylon to this place! Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people,—The prophets that have been before me and s before thee of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. The prophet who prophesieth of peace, when the 9 word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, as one whom Jehovah hath sent in truth.”

Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the neck 10 of the prophet Jeremiah, and brake it. And Hananiah spake 11 in the presence of all the people, saying, “Thus saith Jehovah: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, from off the neck of all the nations, within the space of two years.” And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Then the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, after that 12 Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Go and tell Hananiah, say- 13 ing, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make instead of them yokes of iron. For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I have 14 put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beast of the field also.

Then said Jeremiah the prophet unto Hananiah the pro- 15 phet, “Hear now, Hananiah; Jehovah hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus 16 saith Jehovah; Behold, I will cast thee off from the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against Jehovah.” So Hananiah the prophet died 17 the same year, in the seventh month.

CHAP. XXIX.—Now these are the words of the letter 1 that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon; (after that 2 Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the chamberlains, the chief men of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem:) by the hand of 3 Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hil- kiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) saying,

4 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all
that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be car-
5 ried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon : Build ye houses,
and dwell in *them* ; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit
6 thereof ; take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters ; and
take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to hus-
bands, that they may bear sons and daughters ; that ye may
7 be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the
prosperity of the city, whither I have caused you to be
carried away captives, and pray unto Jehovah for it ; for in
8 the prosperity thereof shall be your prosperity. For thus
saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel : Let not your
prophets and your diviners, that are in the midst of you,
deceive you, neither hearken ye to your dreams which ye
9 cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you
10 in my name ; I have not sent them, saith Jehovah. For thus
saith Jehovah : After seventy years are completed at Babylon
I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, to
11 cause you to return to this place. For I know the purposes
which I purpose toward you, saith Jehovah, purposes of peace,
and not of evil, to give you a hereafter and a hope.
12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto
13 me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me,
and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.
14 And I will be found of you, saith Jehovah ; and I will
reverse your captivity, and I will gather you from all the
nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you,
saith Jehovah ; and I will bring you back into the place
whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because ye have said, Jehovah hath raised us up prophets
16 in Babylon ; *know* that thus saith Jehovah, of the king that
sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that
dwelleth in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone
17 forth with you into captivity,—thus saith Jehovah of hosts :
Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and
the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot
18 be eaten, they are so bad. And I will persecute them with
the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence ; and I
will give them up to hard treatment to all the kingdoms of
the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing,
and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven
19 them : because they have not hearkened to my words, saith
Jehovah, which I sent unto them by my servants the pro-

phets, urgently sending *them*; but ye would not hear, saith Jehovah.

Hear ye, therefore, the word of Jehovah, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon: Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie unto you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; and from them shall be taken a curse by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, Jehovah make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; because they have done wickedly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; for I know, and am witness, saith Jehovah.

And unto Shemaiah the Nehelamite, thou shalt speak, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, Jehovah hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be overseers in the house of Jehovah, over every man that is frenzied, and prophesieth, that thou shouldst put him in the torture-frame, and in the prison: now, therefore, why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, who prophesieth to you? For he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying, *This captivity will be long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit thereof.*

And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, Send to all those of the captivity, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and hath caused you to trust in a lie; therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: there shall not be a man of them dwelling among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith Jehovah; because he hath spoken rebellion against Jehovah.

2 Jehovah, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah, God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee
3 in a book. For, lo, the days are coming, saith Jehovah, that I will reverse the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith Jehovah; and I will cause them to return to the land
4 which I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. And these *are* the words that Jehovah hath spoken concerning Israel and concerning Judah:—

5 For thus saith Jehovah:

We have heard a voice of trembling,
Of fear, and not of peace:

6 Ask ye now, and see, whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, As a woman in travail,
And all faces turned into paleness?

7 Alas! for great is that day, so that there is none like it; It is a time of distress for Jacob,
But he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day,
Saith Jehovah of hosts,
That I will break his yoke from off thy neck,
And will burst thy bands,
And strangers shall no more exact service of him:

9 But they shall serve Jehovah their God,
And David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith Jehovah,
Neither be dismayed, O Israel:
For, lo, I will save thee from afar,
And thy seed from the land of their captivity;
And Jacob shall return, and rest, and be quiet,
And none shall make *him* afraid.

11 For I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to save thee:
Though I make an end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee,
Yet will I not make an end of thee:
I will correct thee in measure;
Yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

12 For thus saith Jehovah:
Thy bruise is incurable, thy wound is grievous.

13 There is none to plead thy cause,
That thou mayest be bound up:
Thou hast no healing medicines.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not;

For I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy,
 With a cruel chastisement,
 For the greatness of thine iniquity,
Because thy sins were increased.
 Why criest thou for thine affliction? 15
 Thy sorrow is incurable for the greatness of thine iniquity :
Because thy sins were increased,
 I have done these things unto thee.
 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured ; 16
 And all thine adversaries, every one of them,
 Shall go into captivity ;
 And they that spoil thee shall be a spoil,
 And all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey :
 For I will apply a remedy to thee, 17
 And heal thee of thy wounds, saith Jehovah.
 Because they have called thee an Outcast, *saying,*
 This is Zion, which no man seeketh after,—
 Thus saith Jehovah : 18
 Behold, I will reverse the captivity of the tents of Jacob,
 And take pity on his dwelling-places ;
 And the city shall be rebuilt upon its hill,
 And the palace shall be inhabited after its manner.
 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving 19
 And the voice of them that make merry :
 And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few ;
 I will honour them, and they shall not be despised.
 Their children also shall be as in former times, 20
 And their congregation shall be established before me,
 And I will punish all that oppress them.
 And their nobles shall be of themselves, 21
 And their governor shall proceed from the midst of them ;
 And I will cause him to draw near,
 And he shall approach unto me :
 For who is he that would dare to approach unto me ? saith
 Jehovah ;
 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 22
 Behold, the whirlwind of Jehovah goeth forth with fury, 23
 A sweeping whirlwind ;
 It shall rush upon the head of the wicked.
 The fierce anger of Jehovah shall not turn back, 24
 Until he hath executed, and until he hath accomplished,
 The purposes of his heart :
 In the latter days ye shall understand it.

- 1 CHAP. XXXI.—At that time, saith Jehovah,
Will I be the God of all the families of Israel,
And they shall be my people.
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah: The people who escaped the sword
Found favour in the wilderness;
So will I go to give rest to them, even to Israel.
- 3 Jehovah hath appeared from afar unto me, *saying*,
Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:
Wherefore I have prolonged mercy to thee.
- 4 Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built,
O virgin of Israel!
Thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets,
And shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.
- 5 Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of
Samaria:
The planters shall plant, and gather the fruits.
- 6 For there shall be a day,
When the watchmen on mount Ephraim shall cry,
Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion, unto Jehovah our God!
- 7 For thus saith Jehovah:
Sing with gladness for Jacob,
And shout at the head of the nations;
Publish ye, praise ye, and say,
O Jehovah, save thy people, the remnant of Israel!
- 8 Behold, I will bring them from the land of the north,
And gather them from the extremities of the earth;
With them shall be the blind and the lame,
She that is with child and she that travaileth together:
A great company shall return thither.
- 9 They shall come with weeping and with supplications;
I will lead them and conduct them to the rivers of waters,
In a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble:
For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.
- 10 Hear the word of Jehovah, O ye nations,
And declare it in the isles afar off, and say,
He that scattered Israel will gather him,
And keep him, as a shepherd his flock.
- 11 For Jehovah hath redeemed Jacob,
And ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he.
- 12 Therefore they shall come and sing upon the height of Zion,
And shall stream toward the bounty of Jehovah,
To the corn, and to the wine, and to the oil,

And to the young of the flock and of the herd :
 And their soul shall be as a watered garden ;
 And they shall not sorrow any more.
 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, 13
 With young men and old men together :
 For I will turn their mourning into joy,
 And I will comfort them,
 And make them rejoice from their sorrow.
 And I will satisfy the soul of the priests with fatness, 14
 And my people shall be filled with my bounty, saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah : 15
 A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping, *and* bitter lamentation ;
 Rachel weeping for her children,
 Refusing to be comforted for her children,
 Because they were not.
 Thus saith Jehovah : 16
 Restrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears :
 For thy work shall be rewarded, saith Jehovah ;
 And they shall return from the land of the enemy.
 And there is hope for the latter day, saith Jehovah ; 17
 And thy children shall return to their own border.

I have surely heard Ephraim lamenting :— 18
 Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised,
 As a steer untrained *to the yoke* :
 Turn thou me, and I shall be turned ;
 For thou art Jehovah my God.
 Truly after my turning away, I repented ; 19
 And after I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh :
 I am ashamed, yea, even confounded,
 Because I bear the reproach of my youth.

Is Ephraim my dear son ? is he a child in whom I delight ? 20
 That as often as I speak of him,
 I do fondly remember him still :
 Wherefore my bowels are troubled for him ;
 I will surely have mercy upon him, saith Jehovah.

Set thee up way-marks, fix thee high poles ; 21
 Give heed to the highway, the way which thou hast gone :
 Return, O virgin of Israel, return to these thy cities !
 How long wilt thou wander about, 22
 O thou backsliding daughter ?

For Jehovah hath created a new thing in the earth ;
The woman shall protect the man.

- 23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel :
Still shall they use this speech,
In the land of Judah and in the cities thereof,
When I shall reverse their captivity :—
Jehovah bless thee, O habitation of righteousness,
Mountain of holiness!
- 24 And Judah shall dwell therein, and all his cities together,
Husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks ;
- 25 For I will satisfy the weary soul,
And replenish every sorrowful soul.
- 26 Upon this I awoke, and looked ;
And my sleep was sweet unto me.
- 27 Behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
That I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah
With the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.
- 28 And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them,
To pluck up, and to break down,
And to overthrow, and to destroy, and to afflict ;
So will I watch over them, to rebuild, and to plant, saith
Jehovah.
- 29 In those days they shall no longer say,
' The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on edge :'
- 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity ;
Every man that eateth the sour grape,
His *own* teeth shall be set on edge.
- 31 Behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
When I will make a new covenant
With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah :
Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers
In the day when I took them by the hand,
To bring them out of the land of Egypt ;
Which covenant with me they brake,
And I rejected them, saith Jehovah :
- 32 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the
house of Israel,
After those days, saith Jehovah :

I will put my law in their inward parts,
 And write it in their hearts;
 And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, 34
 And every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah:
 For they all shall know me,
 From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith
 Jehovah;
 For I will pardon their iniquity,
 And their sin I will remember no more.

Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, 35
 The ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by
 night,
 Who stilleth the sea when the waves thereof roar;
 Jehovah of hosts is his name:
 If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, 36
 The seed of Israel shall also cease to be a nation
 Before me for ever.
 Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, 37
 And the foundations of the earth bencath searched out,
 I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they
 have done, saith Jehovah.

Behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah, 38
 That the city shall be built to Jehovah
 From the tower of Hananeel unto the corner gate.
 And the measuring line shall again go forth, 39
 Over against it, to the hill Gareb,
 And shall pass round to Goath.
 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, 40
 And all the fields unto the brook of Kidron,
 Unto the corner of the horse-gate towards the east,
 Shall be holy unto Jehovah;
 It shall not be plucked up, nor overthrown, any more for ever.

CHAP. XXXII.—The word that came to Jeremiah from 1
 Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which
 was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

At that time, the army of the king of Babylon besieged 2
 Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the
 court of the prison, which was in the house of the king of

3 Judah. For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying,
 “Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah :
 4 Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of
 Babylon, and he shall take it ; and Zedekiah king of Judah
 shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall
 surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon,
 and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall
 5 behold his eyes ; and he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and
 there shall he be until I visit him, saith Jehovah : though
 ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper.”

6 And Jeremiah said, “The word of Jehovah came unto me,
 7 saying, Behold Hanameel, the son of Shallum thine uncle,
 shall come unto thee, saying, ‘Buy thee my field that is in
 Anathoth ; for the right of redemption is thine to buy it.’

8 So Hanameel my uncle’s son came to me, into the court of
 the prison, according to the word of Jehovah, and said unto
 me, ‘Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which
 is in the country of Benjamin ; for the right of inheritance
 is thine, and the redemption is thine ; buy it for thyself.’

9 Then I knew that this was the word of Jehovah. And I
 bought from Hanameel, my uncle’s son, the field that was
 in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen

10 shekels of silver. And I subscribed the deed, and sealed it,
 and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the

11 balances. So I took the purchase deed, *both* that which
 was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which

12 was open : and I gave the purchase deed unto Baruch the
 son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hana-
 meel my uncle’s son, and in the sight of the witnesses that
 subscribed the purchase deed, before all the Jews that sat in

13 the court of the prison. And I charged Baruch before them,
 14 saying, ‘Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel :

Take these writings, this purchase deed, both the sealed one,
 and this deed which is open ; and put them in an earthen

15 vessel, that they may continue many days. For thus saith
 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel : Houses and fields and
 vineyards shall be bought again in this land.’ ”

16 Now when I had delivered the purchase deed unto Baruch
 17 the son of Neriah, I prayed unto Jehovah, saying : Ah, Lord

Jehovah ! behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth
 by thy great power and stretched-out arm ; there is nothing

18 too hard for thee : thou showest loving-kindness unto thou-
 sands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the

bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty 19
God, Jehovah of hosts, is his name, great in counsel, and
mighty in deed: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of
the sons of men; to give to every one according to his ways,
and according to the fruit of his doings: who hast set signs 20
and wonders in the land of Egypt unto this day, and in
Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made thee a name,
as at this day; and hast brought forth thy people Israel out 21
of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and
with a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm, and with
great terror; and hast given them this land, which thou 22
didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with
milk and honey; and they came in, and possessed it; but 23
they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law, nor
have done all that thou commandedst them to do; therefore 24
thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them. Behold
the siege-mounds, they approach the city to take it; and the
city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight
against it, because of the sword, and the famine, and the
pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and,
behold, thou seest it. And thou hast said unto me, O Lord 25
Jehovah, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses;
although the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans.

Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying: 26
Behold, I am Jehovah the God of all flesh; is there any 27
thing too hard for me? Therefore thus saith Jehovah: 28
Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans,
and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and
he shall take it: and the Chaldeans, that fight against this 29
city, shall come and set fire to this city, and burn it with the
houses upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto
Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to
provoke me to anger. For the children of Israel and the 30
children of Judah have only done evil before me from their
youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to
anger with the work of their hands, saith Jehovah. For this 31
city hath been to me *as* a provocation of mine anger and of
my fury, from the day that they built it even unto this day;
that I should remove it from before my face, because of all 32
the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of
Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they,
their kings, their chief men, their priests, and their prophets,
and the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face:
 though I taught them very diligently, yet they have not
 34 hearkened to receive instruction, but have set their abomi-
 nations in the house which is called by my name, to defile
 35 it. And they built the high places of Baal, which are in
 the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and
 their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which
 I commanded them not, neither entered it into my mind,
 that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel,
 concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered
 into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by
 37 the famine, and by the pestilence: Behold, I will gather
 them out of all countries whither I have driven them in
 mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will
 bring them back unto this place, and I will cause them to
 38 dwell safely; and they shall be my people, and I will be
 39 their God: and I will give them one heart, and one way,
 that they may fear me for ever, for the good of themselves,
 40 and of their children after them: and I will make an ever-
 lasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from
 them, or cease to do them good; but I will put my fear in
 41 their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will
 rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them
 in this land securely, with my whole heart and with my
 whole soul.

42 For thus saith Jehovah: As I have brought all this
 great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the
 43 good that I have promised them. And fields shall again be
 bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate, without
 man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.
 44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds,
 and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin,
 and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah,
 and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the
 low country, and in the cities of the south: for I will reverse
 their captivity, saith Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XXXIII.—Moreover the word of Jehovah came
 unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in
 the court of the prison, saying:

2 Thus saith Jehovah who doeth it,

Jehovah who planneth it, to establish it ;

Whose name is Jehovah :

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, 3

And show thee great and difficult things,

Which thou knowest not.

For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, 4

Concerning the houses of this city,

And concerning the houses of the kings of Judah,

Which are overthrown by the siege-mounds,

And by the sword :

They come to fight with the Chaldeans, 5

And to fill them with the dead bodies of men,

Whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury,

And for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this
city :

Behold, I will bring it a remedy and a cure, 6

And I will cure them,

And reveal unto them abundance of peace and security.

And I will reverse the captivity of Judah 7

And the captivity of Israel,

And will build them, as at the first.

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, 8

Whereby they have sinned against me ;

And I will pardon all their iniquities,

Whereby they have sinned,

And whereby they have transgressed against me.

And it shall be to me a name of joy, 9

A praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth,

Which shall hear of all the good that I do unto them :

And they shall fear and tremble

For all the good and for all the prosperity that I bestow
upon it.

Thus saith Jehovah :

10

Again shall there be heard in this place,

Which ye say shall be desolate,

Without man and without beast,—

Even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem,

Which are desolate, without man,

- And without inhabitant, and without beast,—

The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, 11

The voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride,

The voice of them that say, Praise Jehovah of hosts ;
 For Jehovah is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever :
Even of them that bring the sacrifice of praise into the house
 of Jehovah.

For I will reverse the captivity of the land,
Making it as at the first, saith Jehovah.

- 12 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts :
 Again in this place, which is desolate,
 Without man and without beast,
 And in all the cities thereof,
 There shall be a habitation of shepherds,
 Who shall cause their flocks to lie down.
- 13 In the cities of the mountains,
 In the cities of the low country,
 And in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin,
 And in the places about Jerusalem,
 And in the cities of Judah,
 Shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that
 numbereth them, saith Jehovah.
- 14 Behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
 That I will perform that good word which I have spoken,
 Concerning the house of Israel
 And concerning the house of Judah.
- 15 In those days, and at that time,
 Will I cause a branch of righteousness
 To grow up unto David ;
 And he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the
 land.
- 16 In those days shall Judah be saved,
 And Jerusalem shall dwell securely ;
 And this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called,
 Jehovah-Zidkenu [JEHOVAH IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS].
- 17 For thus saith Jehovah :
 David shall not want a man
 To sit upon the throne of the house of Israel ;
- 18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me,
 To offer burnt-offerings, and to kindle meal-offerings,
 And to do sacrifice continually.
- 19 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying,
 20 Thus saith Jehovah :
 If ye can break my covenant of the day,

And my covenant of the night,
 That there be not day and night in their season;
Then also may my covenant with David my servant be 21
 broken,
 That he may not have a son to reign upon his throne;
 And *my covenant* with the Levites the priests, my ministers.
 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, 22
 Neither the sand of the sea measured;
 So will I multiply the seed of David my servant,
 And the Levites that minister unto me.

And the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, saying: 23
 Seest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, 24
 The two families which Jehovah chose,
 He hath even cast them off?
 Thus they have despised my people,
 So that they are no more a nation before them.
 Thus saith Jehovah: 25
 If my covenant with day and night *stand* not,
 If I do not maintain the ordinances of heaven and earth;
 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, 26
 And of David my servant,
 So as not to take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers
 Over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:
 For I will reverse their captivity, and have mercy on them.

CHAP. XXXIV.—The word which came unto Jeremiah 1
 from Jehovah, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and
 all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his domi-
 nion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem, and
 against all the cities thereof, saying,

Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Go and speak 2
 to Zedekiah king of Judah, and say unto him, Thus saith
 Jehovah: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the
 king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: and thou 3
 shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken,
 and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold
 the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with
 thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah! 4
 Thus saith Jehovah concerning thee: Thou shalt not die by
 the sword; thou shalt die in peace: and as *they did* for thy 5
 fathers, the former kings who were before thee, so shall they

burn *spices* for thee; and they will lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord!—for I have spoken the word, saith Jehovah.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto
7 Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem: and the army of the king of Babylon fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 The word which came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the
9 people who were in Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them; that every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, go free; that none should exact service of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his
10 brother. And all the chief men hearkened, and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, to let every one his man-servant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that none should exact service of them any more—they hearkened, and
11 let them go. But afterwards they turned, and caused the man-servants and the maid-servants whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for man-servants and for maid-servants.

12 Therefore the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah from
13 Jehovah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of
14 bondmen, saying, At the end of seven years shall ye let go every man his Hebrew brother, who hath sold himself unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened
15 not unto me, neither inclined their ear. And ye had now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my
16 name: but ye have turned again and profaned my name, and caused every man his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for man-servants and for maid-servants.

17 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ye have not hearkened unto me, by proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim liberty

for you, saith Jehovah, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine: and I will give you up to hard treatment, into all the kingdoms of the earth. And I will give the 18 men that have transgressed my covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof, the princes of Judah, and the princes of 19 Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, who passed between the parts of the calf; I 20 will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for food to the fowl of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth. And Zedekiah king of Judah 21 and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, which are gone up from you. Behold, I will command, 22 saith Jehovah, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.—The word which came unto Jeremiah 1 from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of Jehovah, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of 3 Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house 4 of Jehovah, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaiah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maasciah, the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: and I set before 5 the sons of the house of the Rechabites goblets full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, "Drink ye wine."

But they said, "We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the 6 son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, 'Ye shall drink no wine, ye or your sons, for ever: neither shall ye 7 build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye are strangers.' And we have 8

obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, 9 we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor 10 field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded 11 us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell in Jerusalem."

12 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, 13 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction, to hearken to my words? 14 saith Jehovah. The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, who commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment. And I have spoken unto you, earnestly 15 speaking; but ye have not hearkened unto me. I have also sent unto you all my servants the prophets, urgently sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers; but ye have not inclined your ear, 16 nor hearkened unto me. Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath 17 not hearkened unto me: Therefore thus saith Jehovah, God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not hearkened; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

18 And to the house of the Rechabites Jeremiah said, "Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have hearkened to the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his commandments, and done according to all that 19 he commanded you: therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: There shall not fail to Jonadab the son of Rechab, a man to stand before me for ever."

1 CHAP. XXXVI.—And it came to pass in the fourth year

of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah that this word came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, Take thee a 2 book-roll, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of 3 Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and 4 Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken unto him, upon a book-roll.

And Jeremiah charged Baruch, saying, "I am shut up; 5 I cannot go into the house of Jehovah; therefore go thou, 6 and read in the roll which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of Jehovah in the ears of the people in the house of Jehovah upon a fast-day: and also in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities, shalt thou read them. It may be they will present their supplication before Jehovah, 7 and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the wrath that Jehovah hath pronounced against this people."

And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that 8 Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in the house of Jehovah.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son 9 of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before Jehovah to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. Then read Baruch in the book the words 10 of Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah, in the chamber of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the house of Jehovah, in the ears of all the people.

And when Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Sha- 11 phan, had heard out of the book all the words of Jehovah, he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's cham- 12 ber: and, lo, all the chief men sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the chief men. Then 13 Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

- 14 Therefore all the chief men sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cush, unto Baruch, saying, "Take in thy hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.
- 15 And they said unto him, "Sit down now, and read it in our ears." So Baruch read it in their ears.
- 16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one to another; and they said unto Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words."
- 17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, how didst thou write all these words from his mouth?" Then Baruch answered them, "With his mouth he pronounced unto me all these words, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book." Then said the chief men unto Baruch, "Go, hide thyself, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye are."
- 20 And they went to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the chief men who stood beside the king. Now the king was staying in the winter-apartments, in the ninth month: and the brasier was burning before him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the pen-knife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brasier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brasier. And they were not afraid, and rent not their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah made intercession with the king that he would not burn the roll: but he hearkened not to them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe, and Jeremiah the prophet: but Jehovah hid them.
- 27 Then the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burnt the roll, and the words which Baruch had written from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim king of Judah hath burned. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou hast burned this roll, saying,

Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from it? Therefore thus saith Jehovah of 30 Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have no *descendant* to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I 31 will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

Then Jeremiah took another roll, and gave it to Baruch 32 the scribe, the son of Neriah; and he wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

CHAP. XXXVII.—Now king Zedekiah the son of Josiah 1 reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of 2 the land, hearkened unto the words of Jehovah, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah 3 and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now unto Jehovah our God for us." (Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: 4 for they had not put him into prison. And the army of Pharaoh had come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chal- 5 deans that besieged Jerusalem had heard tidings of them, they had departed from Jerusalem.)

Then came the word of Jehovah unto the prophet Jere- 6 miah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Thus 7 shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, the army of Pharaoh, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this 8 city, and take it, and burn it with fire. Thus saith Jehovah: 9 Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart. For though ye 10 had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans
 was departed from Jerusalem, on account of the army of
 12 Pharaoh, then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go
 into the land of Benjamin, to obtain from thence his portion in
 13 the midst of the people. And when he was in the gate of
 Benjamin, an officer of the guard was there, whose name
 was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and
 he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "Thou art going over
 14 to the Chaldeans." Then said Jeremiah, "It is false; I am
 not going over to the Chaldeans." But he hearkened not to
 him: so Irijah seized Jeremiah, and brought him to the
 15 chief men. Wherefore the chief men were wroth with Jere-
 miah, and smote him, and put him in confinement in the house
 of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.
 16 So Jeremiah entered into the dungeon, and into the
 17 vaults; and Jeremiah remained there many days. And
 Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king
 asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there *any*
 word from Jehovah?" And Jeremiah said, "There is:" and
 said, "Thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of
 18 Babylon." Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, "In
 what have I offended against thee, or against thy servants,
 or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?
 19 Where are now your prophets who prophesied unto you,
 saying, 'The king of Babylon shall not come against you,
 20 nor against this land?' Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O
 my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be ac-
 cepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the
 house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there." Then Zede-
 21 kiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah
 into the court of the prison, and that they should give him
 daily a cake of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the
 bread in the city should be consumed. Thus Jeremiah re-
 mained in the court of the prison.

1 CHAP. XXXVIII.—Now Shephatiah the son of Mattan
 and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of She-
 lemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words
 that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,
 2 "Thus saith Jehovah: He that remaineth in this city shall
 die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but
 he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall
 3 have his life as a prey, and shall live. Thus saith Jehovah:

This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it."

Therefore the chief men said unto the king, "We beseech 4 thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the fighting men that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but *their* hurt." Then Zedekiah the king said, "Behold, he 5 is in your hand; for the king is not able *to do any* thing against you." Then took they Jeremiah, and east him into 6 the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch in the king's 7 house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the dungeon; and the king was sitting in the gate of Benjamin. And 8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king, saying, "My lord the king, these men have 9 done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have east into the dungeon; and he will die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the 10 Ethiopian, saying, "Take from hence thirty men with thee, and bring up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die."

So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into 11 the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence torn and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. And Ebed-melech the Ethio- 12 pian said unto Jeremiah, "Put now *these* torn and worn-out garments under thine arm-pits, under the cords." And Jeremiah did so. So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and 13 brought him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the 14 prophet unto him into the third entrance that is in the house of Jehovah: and the king said unto Jeremiah, "I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me." Then Jeremiah said 15 unto Zedekiah, "If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me." So Zedekiah the king sware 16 secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, "As Jehovah liveth, who

created our souls, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life."

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, "Thus saith Jehovah, God of hosts, the God of Israel: If thou wilt go forth unto the princes of the king of Babylon, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, 18 and thy house; but if thou wilt not go forth to the princes of the king of Babylon, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand."

19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews that are gone over to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me."

20 But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver *thee*. Hearken I pray thee, to the voice of Jehovah, in what I speak unto thee: so shall it be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. 21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the thing that Jehovah 22 hath showed me: and behold, all the women that are left in the house of the king of Judah shall be brought forth to the princes of the king of Babylon, and these women shall say,

'Thy friends have deceived thee,
And have prevailed against thee:
Thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned back.'

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou wilt cause this city to be burned with fire."

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, "Let no man know of 25 these words, and thou shalt not die. But if the chief men hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, 'Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put 26 thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:' then thou shalt say unto them, 'I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.'"

27 Then came all the chief men unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all those words that the king had commanded. So they were silent, *and went* from 28 him; for the matter was not understood. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison, until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.—And it came to pass, when Jerusalem was taken, (in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it; in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the month, the city was broken into;) that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat down in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarschim chief of the eunuchs, Nergal-sharezer chief of the Magi, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out by the way towards the plain. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and they took him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes; and all the nobles of Judah did the king of Babylon slay. And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with chains of brass, to carry him to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.

And the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that went over to him, with the rest of the people that remained, Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon. But the poor of the people, who had nothing, Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

And Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah by Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying, "Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee." Then sent Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, and Nebu-shasban, chief of the eunuchs, and Nergal-sharezer, chief of the Magi, and all the princes of the king of Babylon,—they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam

the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home : so he remained among the people.

15 Now the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, while he
16 was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, Go and
speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying,

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel :

Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil,

And not for good ;

And they shall come to pass in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith Jehovah :

And thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of
whom thou art afraid.

18 For I will assuredly deliver thee,

And thou shalt not fall by the sword ;

But thy life shall be as a prey unto thee :

Because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XL.—The word that came to Jeremiah from
Jehovah, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard
had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him bound
in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah,
which were being carried away captive unto Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said
unto him, "Jehovah thy God hath pronounced this evil

3 against this place. And Jehovah hath brought *it to pass*
and done according as he hath said : because ye have sinned
against Jehovah, and have not hearkened to his voice, there-

4 fore hath this thing come upon you. And now, behold, I
loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thy
hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me to Baby-

lon, come ; and I will look well unto thee : but if it seem
evil unto thee to come with me to Babylon, forbear : see, the
whole land is before thee : whither it seemeth good and right

5 to thee to go, thither go." And as he still did not turn back,
"Return then," (he said) "to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam
the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made

governor over the cities of Judah, and remain with him
among the people : or go whithersoever it seemeth right unto
thee to go." So the captain of the guard gave him provisions

6 and a present, and dismissed him. And Jeremiah went unto
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah ; and remained with
him among the people that were left in the land.

Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the 7 field, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, and women, and children, and the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; then they came to Gedaliah to 8 Mizpah, *even* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, 9 sware unto them and to their men, saying, "Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. As for me, behold, 10 I will remain at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans, who shall come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities which ye have taken."

Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among 11 the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; then all the Jews returned out 12 of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance.

Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains 13 of the forces that were in the field, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, and said unto him, "Dost thou know that Baalis the 14 king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake 15 to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, "Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered to thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?" But Gedaliah the son of 16 Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, "Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael."

CHAP. XLI.—Now it came to pass in the seventh month, 1 that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and *one* of the great officers of the king, and

- ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.
- 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him whom the
- 3 king of Babylon had made governor over the land. And all the Jews that were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, the men of war, did Ishmael smite.
- 4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain
- 5 Gedaliah, and no man knew it, that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to
- 6 bring *them* to the house of Jehovah. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, as they went along weeping: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam."
- 7 And when they came into the midst of the city, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the pit, he,
- 8 and the men that were with him. But there were ten men among them, who said unto Ishmael, "Do not kill us: for we have hidden stores in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey." So he forbore, and did not kill
- 9 them among their brethren. Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain because of Gedaliah, was the same which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.
- 10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the remnant of the people that were in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.
- 11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that
- 12 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon.
- 13 And it came to pass, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains

of the forces that were with him, that they were glad. So ¹⁴ all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and went back, and came unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah ¹⁵ escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

And Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of ¹⁶ the forces that were with him, took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, who had carried them off from Mizpah, after he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and women, and children, and eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon: and they departed, and tarried in the ¹⁷ halting-place of Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, in order to go to enter into Egypt, because of the Chaldeans; for they ¹⁸ were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

CHAP. XLII.—Then all the captains of the forces, and ¹ Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people, from the least even unto the greatest, came near, and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, “Let now our sup- ² plication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto Jehovah thy God, *even* for all this remnant; for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes behold us: that Jehovah thy God may ³ show us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.” And Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, “I ⁴ have heard; behold, I will pray unto Jehovah your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, whatsoever thing Jehovah shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.” And they said to ⁵ Jeremiah, “Jehovah be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not even according to all the command which Jehovah thy God shall send by thee to us. Whether it be ⁶ good, or whether it be evil, we will hearken to the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we have hearkened to the voice of Jehovah our God.”

And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of Jeho- ⁷ vah came unto Jeremiah. Then he called Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people, from the least even to the great-

9 est, and said unto them, "Thus saith Jehovah, the God of
Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication
10 before him : If ye will still abide in this land, then will I
build you up, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you,
and not pluck *you* up : for I repent me of the evil that I have
11 done unto you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of
whom ye are afraid ; be not afraid of him, 'saith Jehovah,
for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his
12 hand. And I will show mercies unto you, that he may have
13 mercy upon you, and restore you to your own land. But if
ye say, We will not dwell in this land ; so as not to hearken
14 to the voice of Jehovah your God, saying, No ; but we will
go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor
hear the sound of the trumpet, nor hunger for bread ; and
15 there will we dwell : now therefore hear the word of Jehovah,
ye remnant of Judah ; Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God
of Israel : If ye indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt,
16 and go to sojourn there ; then it shall come to pass, *that* the
sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land
of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow
17 close after you there in Egypt ; and there ye shall die. So
shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into
Egypt to sojourn there ; they shall die by the sword, by the
famine, and by the pestilence ; and none of them shall re-
main or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.
18 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel : As mine
anger and my wrath have been poured out upon the inhabi-
tants of Jerusalem ; so shall my wrath be poured out upon
you, when ye shall enter into Egypt : and ye shall be an
execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach ;
and ye shall see this place no more.
19 Jehovah hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Ju-
dah, Go ye not into Egypt : know assuredly that I have
20 *thus* admonished you this day. For ye do err against your
own souls, in that ye sent me unto Jehovah your God, say-
ing, 'Pray for us unto Jehovah our God, and according
unto all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare unto us,
21 and we will do it ;' and *now* I have this day declared it to
you ; but ye do not hearken to the voice of Jehovah your
God, nor to any *thing* for which he hath sent me unto you.
22 Now therefore know assuredly, that ye shall die by the
sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place
whither ye desire to go *and* to sojourn."

CHAP. XLIII.—And it came to pass, when Jeremiah 1 had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of Jehovah their God, for which Jehovah their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words, that Azariah the 2 son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spake, saying unto Jeremiah, “Thou speakest falsely: Jehovah our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not 3 into Egypt to sojourn there: but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, or carry us away captive to Babylon.” So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all 4 the captains of the forces, and all the people, hearkened not to the voice of Jehovah, to remain in the land of Judah.

But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of 5 the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all the nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah, the men, and the women, and the 6 children, and the king’s daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and *also* Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; and they 7 came into the land of Egypt; for they hearkened not to the voice of Jehovah: thus came they *even* to Tahpanhes.

Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, Take great stones in thy hand, and hide 9 them in the clay in the brick-kiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh’s house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of 10 Judah; and say unto them,

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his canopy over them. And he shall come and smite the land of Egypt, *and* 11 *deliver* such *as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword. And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods 12 of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall put on the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. He shall also break in pieces the columns 13 of Beth-shemesh, which are in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

- 1 CHAP. XLIV.—The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,
- 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel : Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and
- 3 upon all the cities of Judah ; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, *nor* ye, nor your fathers.
- 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, urgently sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable
- 5 thing which I hate. But they hearkened not, nor inclined
- 6 their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. Wherefore my wrath and mine anger have been poured forth, and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem ; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.
- 7 Therefore now thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel : Wherefore do ye commit *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, so as to leave yourselves
- 8 no remnant ; in that ye provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye have gone to dwell, that ye may cut yourselves off, and be a curse and a reproach among all the
- 9 nations of the earth ? Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in
- 10 the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem ? They are not humbled unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, which I put before you and before your fathers.
- 11 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel : Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off
- 12 all Judah. And I will take the remnant of Judah, who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed : in the land of Egypt they shall fall ; by the sword *and* by the famine they shall be consumed : from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine they shall die : and they shall be

an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. For I will punish them that dwell in the land of 13 Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: so that none of the remnant 14 of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, to return to the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but *a few who* shall escape.

Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned 15 incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

“*As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the 16 name of Jehovah, we will not hearken unto thee. But we 17 will certainly do whatsoever word goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil. But since we have 18 ceased to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings to her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.” And 19 *the women said*, “When we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we without *the knowledge of* our husbands make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her?”

Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and 20 to the women, and to all the people who had given him *that* answer, saying, “The incense that ye burned in the cities of 21 Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not Jehovah remember it, and came it *not* into his mind? And Jehovah could no longer bear, because of the evil of 22 your doings, because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day. Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have 23 sinned against Jehovah, and have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore hath this evil happened unto you, as at this day.”

Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all 24

the women, "Hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah who are in
 25 the land of Egypt: Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of
 Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with
 your mouths, and fulfilled it with your hands, saying, 'We
 will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn
 incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offer-
 ings unto her': ye shall surely accomplish your vows, and
 26 surely perform your vows. Therefore hear ye the word of
 Jehovah, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold,
 I have sworn by my great name, saith Jehovah, that my
 name shall no more be invoked in the mouth of any man of
 Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As the Lord Jeho-
 27 vah liveth. Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not
 for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of
 Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine,
 28 until there be an end of them. And they that escape the
 sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of
 Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, that
 are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know
 whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.
 29 And this *shall be* the sign unto you, saith Jehovah, that I
 will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my
 30 words shall surely stand against you for evil: thus saith
 Jehovah; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt
 into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them
 that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into
 the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy,
 who sought his life."

- 1 CHAP. XLV.—The word which Jeremiah the prophet
 spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written
 these words in a book from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the
 fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah,
 2 saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto thee,
 O Baruch;
 3 Thou didst say, Woe now to me!
 For Jehovah hath added grief to my sorrow;
 I am weary with my sighing, and find no rest.
 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah:
 Behold, that which I have built do I break down,
 And that which I have planted I pluck up,
 Even this whole land.
 5 And seekest thou great things for thyself?—

Seek *them* not ;

For, behold, I am bringing evil upon all flesh, saith Jehovah:
But thy life have I given unto thee as a prey
In all places whither thou goest.

CHAP. XLVI.—The word of Jehovah which came to 1
Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations : for Egypt,
concerning the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which
was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchad-
rezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoia-
kim the son of Josiah, king of Judah :—

Prepare ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. 3
Harness the horses, and mount, ye horsemen,
And stand forth with *your* helmets ;
Rub the spears, put on the coats of mail.
Wherefore do I see them dismayed *and* turned back ? 5
And their mighty ones are beaten down,
And are fled apace, and look not back :
Fear is round about them, saith Jehovah.
Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape ; 6
Toward the north, by the river Euphrates,
They shall stumble and fall.

Who is this that cometh up like the Nile, 7
Whose waters toss themselves like floods ?
Egypt cometh up like the Nile, 8
And *his* waters toss themselves like floods.
And he saith, I will go up, I will cover the earth ;
I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.
Come up, ye horses, and rage, ye chariots ; 9
And let the mighty men come forth,
Ethiopians and Libyans, who bear the shield,
And Ludim who bear *and* bend the bow.
For this is the day of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, 10
A day of vengeance,
That he may avenge himself of his adversaries :
And the sword shall devour,
And it shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood :
For the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath a sacrifice,
In the land of the north, by the river Euphrates.

Go up into Gilead, and take balsam, 11
O virgin daughter of Egypt !
In vain shalt thou multiply medicines ;
There is no healing for thee.

- 12 The nations have heard of thy shame,
And thy cry hath filled the land:
For warrior hath stumbled against warrior,
They are fallen both together.
- 13 The word which Jehovah spake to Jeremiah the prophet,
concerning the coming of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon
to smite the land of Egypt:—
- 14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol,
And publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes:
Say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee;
For the sword shall devour round about thee.
- 15 Why are thy valiant ones swept away?
They stood not, because Jehovah overthrew them.
- 16 He made many to fall; yea, one fell upon another:
And they said, Arise, and let us go back to our own people,
And to the land of our nativity, from the slaughtering sword.
- 17 Cry ye there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is *but* a noise;
He hath let the appointed time pass by.
- 18 As I live, saith the king, whose name is Jehovah of hosts,
Like Tabor among the mountains,
And like Carmel by the sea, shall he come.
- 19 Furnish thyself for exile,
O thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt;
For Noph shall become waste and desolate,
Without inhabitant.
- 20 Egypt is a very fair heifer,
But destruction cometh, it cometh out of the north.
- 21 Her hired men also in the midst of her
Are like fatted bullocks;
But they also turn round,
They flee away together, they do not stand;
Because the day of their calamity is come upon them,
The time of their visitation.
- 22 Her voice shall be like a serpent's;
For they shall march with an army,
And come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.
- 23 They shall cut down her forest, saith Jehovah,
Though it cannot be penetrated;
Because they are more than the grasshoppers,
And without number.
- 24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded;
She shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saith ; 25
 Behold, I will punish Ammon of No,
 And Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings,
 Even Pharaoh, and them that trust in him :
 And I will deliver them 26
 Into the hand of those who seek their lives,
 And into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
 And into the hand of his servants :
 And afterward it shall be inhabited,
 As in days of old, saith Jehovah.
 But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, 27
 And be not dismayed, O Israel !
 For, behold, I will save thee from afar off,
 And thy seed from the land of their captivity ;
 And Jacob shall return, and rest, and be at ease,
 And none shall make him afraid.
 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith Jehovah, 28
 For I am with thee :
 For I will make an end of all the nations whither I have
 driven thee ;
 But I will not make an end of thee,
 But correct thee in measure ;
 Yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

CHAP. XLVII.—The word of Jehovah which came to 1
 Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that
 Pharaoh smote Gaza. Thus saith Jehovah : 2

Behold, waters rise up out of the north,
 And shall be an overflowing torrent,
 And shall overflow the land, and all that is therein,
 The city, and them that dwell therein :
 And the men shall cry,
 And all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.
 At the sound of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong 3
horses,
 At the rushing of his chariots, at the noise of his wheels,
 Fathers shall not look back to *their* children,
 For feebleness of hands ;
 Because of the day which cometh to spoil all the Philistines, 4
 To cut off from Tyre and Zidon every helper that remaineth :
 For Jehovah will spoil the Philistines,
 The remnant of the country of Caphtor.
 Baldness is come upon Gaza ; 5

- Ashkelon is laid waste, the remnant of the Anakites :
 How long wilt thou cut thyself ?
- 6 O thou sword of Jehovah,
 How long *will it be* ere thou be quiet ?
 Put thyself back into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.
- 7 How canst thou be quiet ?—
 Seeing that Jehovah hath given it a charge
 Against Ashkelon, and against the sea-coast :
 There hath he appointed it.
- 1 CHAP. XLVIII.—Concerning Moab.
- Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel :
 Woe unto Nebo ! for it is spoiled :
 Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken ;
 Misgab is confounded and dismayed.
- 2 The praise of Moab is no more ;
 In Heshbon they have devised evil against her ;
 Saying, Come, and let us cut her off from *being* a nation.
 Thou also shalt be brought to silence, O Madmena ;
 The sword shall pursue thee.
- 3 A voice of crying *shall be heard* from Horonaim,
 Of spoiling and great destruction.
- 4 Moab is destroyed ; her little ones cry aloud.
- 5 For the ascent of Luhith *is filled* with weeping ;
 Weeping goeth up *thereon* ;
 For in the descent of Horonaim
 Their adversaries have heard a cry of destruction :
- 6 Flee, save your lives,
 And be like the heath in the wilderness.
- 7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy
 treasures,
 Thou also shalt be taken :
 And Chemosh shall go forth into captivity,
With his priests and his princes together.
- 8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city,
 And no city shall escape :
 The valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed,
 As Jehovah hath spoken.
- 9 Give wings unto Moab, for she shall flee and get away :
 And the cities thereof shall be desolate,
 Because there is none to dwell therein.
- 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah deceitfully,
 And cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

Moab hath been at ease from his youth, 11
 And still, *like wine*, on his lees,
 And hath not been poured out from vessel to vessel,
 Neither hath he gone into captivity :
 Wherefore his taste hath remained in him,
 And his scent is not changed.
 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah, 12
 That I will send unto him tilters, who shall tilt him over,
 And shall empty his vessels, and break his pitchers.
 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, 13
 As the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence.

How will ye say, 14
 We are mighty, and strong men for the war?—
 Moab is spoiled, and his cities are consumed, 15
 And his choicest young men are gone down to the slaughter,
 Saith the king, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
 The calamity of Moab is come near, 16
 And his affliction hasteth fast.
 All ye that are about him, bemoan him ; 17
 And all ye that know his name, say,
 How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful rod !
 Come down from *thy* glory, and sit in a thirsty place, 18
 O inhabitant, daughter of Dibon !
 For the spoiler of Moab hath come up against thee,
 To destroy thy strongholds.
 Stand by the way, and look around, 19
 O inhabitant of Aroer !
 Ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth ;
 Say, What hath been done ?

Moab is confounded ; for it is broken down : 20
 Howl and cry ; tell it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,
 And judgment is come upon the plain country ; 2
 Upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,
 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, 22
 And upon Beth-diblathaim, and upon Kiriathaim, 23
 And upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,
 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah, 24
 And upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.
 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith 25
 Jehovah.
 Make ye him drunken ; 26

- For he hath magnified *himself* against Jehovah :
 Moab also shall wallow in his vomit,
 And he himself also shall be in derision.
- 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee ?
 Was he found among thieves,
 That as often as thou speakest of him, thou shakest thy head ?
- 28 Leave the cities, and dwell in the rock,
 O ye inhabitants of Moab,
 And be like the dove *that* maketh her nest beyond the
 mouth of the chasm.
- 29 We have heard of the pride of Moab,
 For he is exceeding proud ;
 Of his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogance,
 And the haughtiness of his heart.
- 30 I know his wrath, saith Jehovah ;
 And his vain boastings, how they have wrought injustice.
- 31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and cry out for all Moab ;
 For the men of Kir-heres, *my heart* shall mourn.
- 32 *With* more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for thee,
 O vine of Sibmah, whose shoots passed over the sea ;
 They reached *even* to the sea *from* Jazer :
 Upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage the spoiler
 hath fallen :
- 33 And joy and gladness are taken away
 From the fruitful field, and from the land of Moab ;
 And I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses :
 None shall tread with shouting ;
 The shouting *shall be* no shouting.
- 34 From the cry of Heshbon unto Elealeh,
Even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice,
 From Zoar *they flee* unto Horonaim,
As a heifer of three years old :
 For the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.
- 35 And I will cause to cease in Moab, saith Jehovah,
 Him that offereth in the high places,
 And him that burneth incense to his gods.
- 36 Wherefore my heart shall sound for Moab like pipes,
 And my heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres ;
- 37 Because the remnant *which* he hath got hath perished :
 For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped ;
 Upon all hands *shall be* cuttings,
 And upon *their* loins sackcloth.
- 38 Upon all the house-tops of Moab, and in the streets thereof,

Everywhere *shall be* lamentation ;
 For I have broken Moab,
 Like a vessel wherein I have no pleasure, saith Jehovah.
 How is it dismayed !—*how* do they howl ! 39
 How hath Moab turned the back in shame !
 So shall Moab be for derision and dismay to all around him.
 For thus saith Jehovah : 40
 Behold, he shall fly as an eagle,
 And shall spread his wings over Moab.
 Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, 41
 And the hearts of the mighty men of Moab, in that day,
 Shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, 42
 Because he hath magnified *himself* against Jehovah.
 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, 43
 Are upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith Jehovah.
 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit ; 44
 And he that getteth up out of the pit
 Shall be taken in the snare :
 For I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab,
 The year of their visitation, saith Jehovah.
 They that fled stand without strength, 45
 Under the shadow of Heshbon ;
 But a fire cometh forth out of Heshbon,
 And a flame from the midst of Sihon,
 And shall devour the region of Moab,
 And the heads of the tumultuous ones.
 Woe be unto thee, O Moab ! the people of Chemosh perisheth : 46
 For thy sons are taken captive,
 And thy daughters are in captivity.
 Yet will I reverse the captivity of Moab 47
 In the latter days, saith Jehovah.
 Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

CHAP. XLIX.—Concerning the Ammonites. 1

Thus saith Jehovah :
 Hath Israel no sons ?—hath he no heir ?
 Why *then* doth Milcom inherit Gad,
 And his people dwell in his cities ?
 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah, 2
 That I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of
 the Ammonites ;
 And it shall be a desolate heap,

And her daughters shall be burned with fire :
 And Israel shall be heir to them that were his heirs, saith
 Jehovah.

3 Howl, O Heshbon ! for Ai is spoiled :

Cry, ye daughters of Rabbah !

Gird yourselves with sackcloth ;

Lament, and run to and fro by the fences ;

For Milcom shall go into captivity,

4 *With* his priests and his princes together.

Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys ?—

Thy valley floweth *with blood*, O backsliding daughter,

That trusted in her treasures, *saying*,

Who shall come unto me ?

5 Behold, I will bring fear upon thee,

Saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts,

From all those that are about thee ;

And ye shall be driven out every man right forth,

And none shall gather up him that wandereth.

6 And afterwards I will reverse the captivity of the children
 of Ammon, saith Jehovah.

7 Concerning Edom.

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts :

Is wisdom no more in Teman ?

Is counsel perished from the prudent ?

Is their wisdom vanished ?

8 Flee ye, turn back, hide deep, O inhabitants of Dedan !

For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him,

At the time *when* I visit him.

9 If grape-gatherers come to thee,

Would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes ?

If thieves by night,

They will destroy *only* till they have enough.

10 But I will make Esau bare, I will uncover his secret places,

And he shall not be able to hide himself :

His seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours,
 and he is not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive ;

And thy widows, let them trust in me.

12 For thus saith Jehovah :

Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup

Have assuredly drunken ;

And shalt thou go altogether unpunished ?

Thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink.
 For I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah, 13
 That Bozrah shall become a desolation,
 A reproach, a waste, and a curse ;
 And all the cities thereof shall be perpetual ruins.
 I have heard a message from Jehovah, 14
 And an ambassador hath been sent among the nations, *saying*,
 Gather together, and come against her,
 And rise up to the battle.
 For, lo, I will make thee small among the nations, 15
 Despised among men.
 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, 16
 The pride of thy heart,
 O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
 That holdest the height of the hill :
 Though thou make thy nest as high as the eagle,
 I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah.
 Thus shall Edom be a desolation : 17
 Every one that goeth by it shall be astonished,
 And shall hiss at all the calamities thereof.
 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah 18
 And the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith Jehovah,
 No man shall dwell there,
 Neither shall a son of man abide therein.
 Behold, he shall come up, 19
 Like a lion from the thickets of Jordan,
 Against the pasture of the strong ;
 For I will suddenly make them run away from it,
 And *one* who is a chosen *warrior* will I appoint against it :
 For who is like me ? and who will appoint me a time *for combat* ?
 And who is that shepherd that will stand before me ?
 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, 20
 Which he hath taken against Edom ;
 And his purposes, which he hath purposed
 Against the inhabitants of Teman :
 Surely they shall drag them away,
Like the least of the flock ;
 Surely he shall make their pasture desolate for them.
 At the noise of their fall the earth is shaken, 21
 The cry is heard at the Red Sea, and the noise thereof.
 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, 22
 And spread his wings over Bozrah :
 And the hearts of the mighty men of Edom, in that day,

Shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Concerning Damascus.

- Hamath is confounded, and Arpad ;
 For they have heard evil tidings, *and* are in despair :
There is terror on the sea ; it cannot be quiet.
- 24 Damascus is become feeble, she turneth herself to flee,
 And trembling hath seized *her*.
 Anguish and throes have laid hold of her, as one in travail.
- 25 *They say*, How can the city of praise be left, the city of
 my joy !
- 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets,
 And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day,
 Saith Jehovah of hosts :
- 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus,
 And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor,
 which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote.

Thus saith Jehovah :

- Arise ye, go up against Kedar, and spoil the sons of the east.
- 29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away :
 They shall take to themselves their tent curtains,
 With all their implements, and their camels ;
 And they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side.
- 30 Flee, get you far off, hide deep,
 O inhabitants of Hazor, saith Jehovah ;
 For Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel
 against you,
 And hath purposed a purpose against you.
- 31 Arise, get you up, *O Chaldeans*, unto a nation that is at ease,
 That dwelleth in security, saith Jehovah,
 Which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.
- 32 And their camels shall be a booty,
 And the multitude of their cattle a spoil :
 And I will scatter to every wind them *that* have clipped
 beards ;
 And I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith
 Jehovah.
- 33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling-place for jackals,
 A desolation for ever :

No man shall dwell there,
Neither shall a son of man abide therein.

The word of Jehovah which came to Jeremiah the prophet ³⁴
concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah
king of Judah, saying,

Thus saith Jehovah of hosts : 35
Behold, I will break the bow of Elam,
The chief of their might.
And I will bring upon Elam four winds, 36
From the four quarters of heaven,
And will scatter them towards all those winds ;
And there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam
shall not come.
For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, 37
And before them that seek their life ;
And I will bring evil upon them,
Even my fierce anger, saith Jehovah ;
And I will send the sword after them,
'Till I have consumed them :
And I will set my throne in Elam, 38
And will destroy from thence king and princes, saith Jehovah.
But it shall come to pass in the latter days, 39
That I will reverse the captivity of Elam, saith Jehovah.

CHAP. L.—The word which Jehovah spake concerning ¹
Babylon *and* concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jere-
miah the prophet :—

Declare ye among the nations, 2
And proclaim, and set up a standard ;
Proclaim, *and* conceal not :
Say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded,
Merodach is dismayed ;
Her idols are confounded, her images are dismayed.
For out of the north cometh up a nation against her, 3
Which shall make her land desolate,
And none shall dwell therein :
They are fled *and* gone, both man and beast.
In those days, and at that time, saith Jehovah, 4
The children of Israel shall come,
They and the children of Judah together,

- They shall go, weeping as they go,
And seek Jehovah their God.
- 5 They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces hitherwards,
Saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to Jehovah,
In a perpetual covenant which shall not be forgotten.
- 6 My people hath been lost sheep;
Their shepherds have caused them to go astray,
They have driven them about *on* the mountains:
They have gone from mountain to hill,
They have forgotten their resting-place.
- 7 All that found them have devoured them;
And their adversaries have said, We shall not be punished;
Because they have sinned against Jehovah,
The abode of deliverance,
Even Jehovah, the hope of their fathers.
- 8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon,
And go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans,
And be as he-goats in front of the flock.
- 9 For, lo, I will arouse and bring up against Babylon
An assembly of great nations from the north country:
And they shall set themselves in array against her;
From thence she shall be taken:
Their arrows shall be as those of an expert warrior;
None shall return in vain.
- 10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil:
All that spoil her shall be filled, saith Jehovah.
- 11 Yea, be glad,—yea, exult,
O ye destroyers of my heritage!
Yea, wanton as a heifer treading out the grain,
And neigh as steeds!
- 12 Your mother shall be greatly confounded;
She that bare you shall be ashamed.
Behold, *ye are become* the hindermost of the nations,
A wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
- 13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah, it shall not be inhabited,
But it shall be wholly desolate:
Every one that passeth by Babylon shall be astonished,
And hiss on account of all her plagues.
- 14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about:
All ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare not your arrows:
For she hath sinned against Jehovah.
- 15 Shout against her round about:

She hath stretched out her hand ;
 Her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down ;
 For the vengeance of Jehovah is this :
 Take vengeance upon her ; as she hath done, do unto her.
 Cut off the sower from Babylon, 16
 And him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest :
 Because of the oppressing sword,
 They shall turn every one to his people,
 And they shall flee every one to his own land.

Israel is *like* scattered sheep, 17
 Which lions have driven away :
 First, the king of Assyria devoured him ;
 And last, this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken
 his bones.
 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel ; 18
 Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land,
 As I have punished the king of Assyria.
 And I will bring Israel back to his pasture, 19
 And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan,
 And shall satisfy himself upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.
 In those days, and at that time, saith Jehovah, 20
 The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for,
 And there shall be none ;
 And the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found :
 For I will pardon those whom I cause to be left.

Against the land of Merathaim [REBELLION], go up 21
 against it,
 And against the inhabitants of Pekod [VISITATION] :
 Lay waste and utterly destroy after them, saith Jehovah,
 And do according to all that I have commanded thee.
 A sound of battle is in the land, and great destruction : 22
 How is the Hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and 23
 broken !
 How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations !
 I have laid a snare for thee, 24
 And thou art also taken, O Babylon,
 And thou wast not aware :
 Thou hast been found, and also caught,
 Because thou hast striven against Jehovah.
 Jehovah hath opened his armoury, 25
 And hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation :

- For the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath a work
In the land of the Chaldeans.
- 26 Come against her from the utmost border,
Open her storehouses :
Cast her up into heaps, and destroy her utterly :
Let nothing of her be left.
- 27 Slay all her bullocks ; let them go down to the slaughter :
Woe unto them ! for their day is come,
The time of their visitation.
- 28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of
Babylon,
To declare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our God,
The vengeance of his temple :—
- 29 Call together the archers against Babylon :
All ye that bend the bow,
Encamp against her round about ;
Let none escape :
Recompense her according to her work ;
According to all that she hath done, do unto her ;
For she hath been proud against Jehovah,
Against the Holy One of Israel.
- 30 Therefore shall her young mén fall in the streets,
And all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith
Jehovah.
- 31 Behold, I am against thee, thou proud one,
Saith the Lord Jehovah of hosts :
For thy day is come, the time *that* I will punish thee.
- 32 And the proud one shall stumble and fall,
And none shall raise him up :
And I will kindle a fire in his cities,
And it shall devour all round about him.
- 33 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts :
Oppressed *are* the children of Israel and the children of
Judah together :
And all that have taken them captive hold them fast ;
They refuse to let them go.
- 34 Their Redeemer is strong ; Jehovah of hosts is his name :
He shall thoroughly plead their cause,
That he may give rest to *their* land,
And disquiet to the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 35 A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith Jehovah,
And upon the inhabitants of Babylon,

And upon her princes, and upon her wise men.
 A sword is upon the deceivers, and they shall become foolish : 36
 A sword is upon her mighty men,
 And they shall be dismayed :
 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, 37
 And upon all the mixed people that are in the midst of her,
 And they shall become as women :
 A sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be robbed.
 A drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up : 38
 For it is a land of graven images,
 And they boast themselves in idols.
 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with howling-beasts 39
 shall dwell there,
 And ostriches shall dwell therein :
 And it shall no more be inhabited for ever ;
 Neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.
 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, 40
 And the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith Jehovah,
 No man shall dwell there, neither shall a son of man abide
 therein.

Behold, a people cometh from the north, 41
 And a great nation, and many kings,
 Shall be roused up from the extremities of the earth.
 They shall grasp firmly bow and spear ; 42
 They are cruel, and will show no mercy :
 Their voice resoundeth like the sea, and they ride upon horses,
 Arrayed as a man for war
 Against thee, O daughter of Babylon.
 The king of Babylon hath heard the report thereof, 43
 And his hands become feeble ;
 Anguish hath taken hold of him, pain as of one in travail.
 Behold, he shall come up, 44
 Like a lion from the thickets of Jordan,
 Against the pasture of the strong ;
 For I will suddenly make them run away from it,
 And *one* who is a chosen *warrior*, will I appoint against it :
 For who is like me ?
 And who will appoint me a time *for combat* ?
 And who is that shepherd that will stand before me ?
 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, 45
 Which he hath taken against Babylon,
 And his purposes, which he hath purposed

- Against the land of the Chaldeans :
 Surely they shall drag them away,
 Like the least of the flock ;
 Surely he shall make *their* pasture desolate for them.
- 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is shaken,
 And the cry is heard among the nations.

- 1 CHAP. LI.—Thus saith Jehovah :
 Behold, I will rouse up against Babylon,
 And against them that dwell in the midst of my adversaries,
 A destroying wind ;
- 2 And I will send unto Babylon winnowers,
 And they shall winnow her, and shall empty her land :
 For in the day of trouble they shall be against her on every
 side.
- 3 Let not the archer *therein* bend his bow,
 Nor lift himself up in his coat of mail :
 And spare not her young men ;
 Destroy utterly all her host.
- 4 Thus shall they fall slain in the land of the Chaldeans,
 And thrust through in her streets.
- 5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah,
 By his God, Jehovah of hosts :
 For their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel.
- 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon,
 And save every man his life :
 Perish not in her iniquity ;
 For this is the time of the vengeance of Jehovah ;
 He will render unto her a recompense.
- 7 Babylon *hath been* a golden cup in the hand of Jehovah,
 Which made all the earth drunken :
 The nations have drunken of her wine ;
 Therefore the nations are mad.
- 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and broken to pieces ;
 Howl for her ; take balm for her wound,
 If so be she may be healed !
- 9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed :
 Forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country :
 For her judgment reacheth unto heaven,
 And is lifted up *even* to the skies.
- 10 Jehovah hath brought forth our deliverance ;
 Come, and let us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our God.
- 11 Sharpen the arrows, prepare the shields !

Jehovah hath roused up the spirit of the kings of the Medes :
 For his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it ;
 For it is the vengeance of Jehovah,
 The vengeance of his temple.

Set up the standard against the walls of Babylon, 12
 Strengthen the guard, appoint the watchmen,
 Place the ambushes :
 For Jehovah both deviseth and doeth
 That which he hath spoken
 Against the inhabitants of Babylon.

O thou that dwellest by great waters, abundant in 13
 treasures,
 Thine end is come, the limit of thy plundering.
 Jehovah of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying*, 14
 Surely I will fill thee with men, as with locusts ;
 And they shall raise the war-shout against thee.

He hath made the earth by his power, 15
 He hath established the world by his wisdom,
 And by his understanding hath stretched out the heavens.
 When he uttereth his voice, 16

There is a tumult of waters in the heavens :
 And he causeth clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth :

He maketh lightnings for the rain,
 And bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
 Every man is become brutish by *his* knowledge, 17
 Every founder is put to shame by the graven image :
 For his molten image is falsehood,
 And there is no breath in them.

They are vanity, the work of delusions ; 18
 In the time of their visitation they shall perish.
 Not like these is the portion of Jacob, 19
 For he is the creator of all things,
 And *Israel* is the rod of his inheritance:
 Jehovah of hosts is his name.

Thou art my battle-axe, *O Israel*, my weapons of war : 20
 With thee will I break in pieces the nations,
 And with thee destroy kingdoms :
 With thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider ; 21
 And with thee break in pieces the chariot and its driver :
 With thee will I break in pieces man and woman ; 22
 With thee break in pieces old and young ;
 And with thee break in pieces the young man and the maiden :

- 23 With thee will I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock ;
With thee break in pieces the husbandman and his team ;
And with thee break in pieces captains and rulers.
- 24 And I will render unto Babylon
And to all the inhabitants of Chaldea,
All their evil which they have done in Zion in your sight,
saith Jehovah.
- 25 Behold, I *am* against thee,
O destroying mountain, saith Jehovah,
Which destroyest the whole earth :
And I will stretch out my hand against thee,
And roll thee down from the rocks,
And make thee a burnt mountain.
- 26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner,
Nor a stone for foundations ;
But thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith Jehovah.
- 27 Lift ye up a standard in the land,
Blow the trumpet among the nations ;
Enlist the nations against her,
Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and
Ashkenaz ;
Appoint a commander against her ;
Bring up the horses, like the hairy locust.
- 28 Enlist against her the nations,
The kings of Media, their captains, and all their rulers,
With all the land of their dominion.
- 29 And the land shall tremble and heave ;
For the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon shall stand,
To make the land of Babylon a desolation,
Without inhabitant.
- 30 The mighty men of Babylon have ceased to fight,
They have remained in *their* strongholds :
Their might hath failed, they have become as women :
Her dwelling-places are set on fire ; her bars are broken.
- 31 Courier shall run to meet courier,
And messenger to meet messenger,
To tell the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every side,
- 32 That the passages are seized, and the reed-beds burnt up
with fire,
And the men of war terrified.
- 33 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel ;
The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor when it is
trodden ;

Yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, 34

He hath destroyed me, and made me an empty vessel,

He hath swallowed me up like a dragon ;

He hath filled his belly with my delicacies,

He hath cast me out *from them*.

The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, 35

Shall the inhabitant of Zion say ;

And my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea,

Shall Jerusalem say.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah ; 36

Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee ;

And I will dry up her lake, and make her springs dry.

And Babylon shall become heaps of ruins, 37

A dwelling-place for jackals,

An astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant.

They shall roar together like lions : 38

They shall growl as lions' whelps.

When they are heated I will set on their feast, 39

And make them drunken, that they may shout aloud,

And sleep an eternal sleep, and not awake, saith Jehovah.

I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, 40

Like rams with he-goats.

How is Sheshach taken ! 41

And how is the Praise of the whole earth seized !

How is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations !

The sea is come up upon Babylon ; 42

She is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

Her cities are a desolation, parched land, and a desert, 43

A land wherein no man dwelleth,

Neither doth a son of man pass thereby.

And I will punish Bel in Babylon ; 44

And I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath
swallowed ;

And the nations shall not flow unto him any more :

Yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

Go ye out of the midst of her, my people, 45

And deliver ye every man his soul

From the fierce anger of Jehovah.

And let not your heart faint, 46

Nor fear ye for the rumour that shall be heard in the land ;

When there cometh a rumour in *one* year,

- And after that in *another* year a rumour,
 And violence is in the land, ruler against ruler.
- 47 Therefore, behold, the days are coming,
 That I will punish the graven images of Babylon ;
 And her whole land shall be confounded,
 And all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.
- 48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein,
 Shall sing over Babylon :
 For the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith
 Jehovah.
- 49 Thus Babylon shall fall, ye slain of Israel,
 As for Babylon the slain of all the earth have fallen.
- 50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still ;
 Remember Jehovah afar off,
 And let Jerusalem come into your mind.
- 51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach ;
 Shame hath covered our faces :
 For strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the house of
 Jehovah.
- 52 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
 That I will punish her graven images :
 And through all her land the wounded shall groan.
- 53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven,
 And though she should fortify the height of her strength,
 Yet from me shall spoilers come upon her, saith Jehovah.
- 54 A sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon,
 And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans ;
- 55 Because Jehovah hath spoiled Babylon,
 And destroyed out of her the great sound ;
 Though her waves resound like great waters,
 And the noise of their voice is given forth ;
- 56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon,
 And her mighty men are taken,
 Their bows are broken in pieces.
 For Jehovah is a God of recompences ;
 He will surely requite.
- 57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men,
 Her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men :
 And they shall sleep an eternal sleep, and not awake,
 Saith the king, whose name is Jehovah of hosts.
- 58 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts ;
 The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown,

And her high gates shall be burned with fire ;
 And the people shall have laboured for nought,
 And the nations for the fire, and been wearied.

This is the word which Jeremiah the prophet committed to 59
Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went
with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year
of his reign. And this Seraiah was director of the halting-
places. So Jeremiah wrote in one book all the evil that should 60
come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written
against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, " When thou 61
comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these
words ; then shalt thou say, ' O Jehovah, thou hast spoken 62
against this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell in it,
neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.'
And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this 63
book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the
midst of Euphrates : and thou shalt say, ' Thus shall Baby- 64
lon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring
upon her : and they shall be weary.' "

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

CHAP. LII.—Zedekiah was one and twenty years old 1
 when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jeru-
 salem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter
 of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in 2
 the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had
 done. For the anger of Jehovah was against Jerusalem and 3
 Judah, till he cast them forth from his presence; and Zede-
 kiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the 4
 tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebu-
 chadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army,
 against Jerusalem, and encamped against it, and built forts
 against it round about. So the city was besieged until the 5
 eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the 6
 famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for 7
 the people of the land. Then the city was broken into, and
 all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by
 night, by the way of the gate between the two walls, which
 is by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the
 city round about :) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army
9 was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land
10 of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes:
11 he slew also all the chief men of Judah in Riblah. And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

12 And in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of
13 Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, who served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, and burned the house of Jehovah, and the king's house; and all the houses
14 of Jerusalem, every great house he burned with fire. And all the army of the Chaldeans, which was with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

15 And some of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and the deserters who deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away
16 captive. But some of the poor of the land Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left, for vinedressers and for husbandmen. And the columns of brass which were in the house of Jehovah, and the laver-stands, and the brazen sea which was in the house of Jehovah, the Chaldeans brake in
17 pieces, and carried all the brass thereof to Babylon. And the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the articles of brass where-
18 with they ministered, they took away. And the basins, and the censers, and the bowls, and the flesh-hooks, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; such things as were of gold, and such things as were of silver, the gold and
19 the silver the captain of the guard took away. The two pillars, the one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that were under the laver-stands, which king Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah: the brass of all these articles was without
20 weight. And of the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits measured it round; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: *it was*
21 hollow. And the capital upon it was of brass; and the

height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these. And there were ninety and six pomegranates towards *each* 23 wind: all the pomegranates upon the network round about were a hundred.

And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, 24 and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door; he took also out of the city an officer who had the 25 charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, who were found in the city; and the chief secretary of the host, who enrolled the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were 26 found in the midst of the city. And Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of Babylon smote 27 them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away 28 captive: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews; in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried 29 away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two persons; in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar, 30 Nebuzar-adan, the captain of the guard, carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred and forty-five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the cap- 31 tivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, and spake kindly unto him, and set his throne 32 above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, and changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread 33 continually before him all the days of his life. And his 34 allowance was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, a portion for every day until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE

LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

- 1 CHAP. I.—How doth the city sit solitary,
That was full of people !
How is she become as a widow,
That was great among the nations !
The princess among provinces,
How is she become tributary !
- 2 She weepeth bitterly in the night,
And her tears are on her cheeks ;
Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort *her* ;
All her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
They are become her enemies.
- 3 Judah is taken captive because of affliction,
And because of great servitude ;
She dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest :
All her pursuers have overtaken her amidst the straits.
- 4 The ways to Zion mourn,
Because none come to the solemn feasts ;
All her gates are desolate ;
Her priests sigh, her maidens are afflicted,
And she herself is in bitterness.
- 5 Her adversaries are the head, her enemies prosper ;
For Jehovah hath afflicted her for the multitude of her trans-
gressions :
Her children are gone into captivity before the adversary.
- 6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed :
Her princes are become like harts which find no pasture,
And they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

Jerusalem remembereth,
In the days of her affliction and her wanderings,
All her pleasant things which she had in the days of old,
When her people fell into the hand of the enemy,
And none did help her :
The adversaries saw her,
They mocked at her destruction. 7

Grievously hath Jerusalem sinned :
Therefore hath she become *as* an unclean thing ;
All that honoured her despise her,
Because they have seen her nakedness :
Yea, she herself sigheth, and turneth backward. 8

Her filthiness is in her skirts ;
She remembereth not the end thereof ;
Therefore she hath been wonderfully brought down :
She hath no comforter.
O Jehovah, behold my affliction ;
For the enemy hath magnified *himself*. 9

The adversary hath spread out his hand
Upon all her pleasant things :
For she hath seen the nations enter into her sanctuary,
Those whom thou didst forbid to enter into thy congregation. 10

All her people sigh, seeking bread ;
They have given their pleasant things for food,
To restore the soul :
See, O Jehovah, and consider ; for I am become vile. 11

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by ?
Look and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow,
Which is brought upon me,
Wherewith Jehovah hath afflicted *me*,
In the day of his fierce anger. 12

From above hath he sent fire into my bones,
And it prevaieth against them ;
He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back ;
He hath made me desolate *and* faint all the day. 13

The yoke of my transgressions is fastened *upon me* by his
hand ;
They are twisted together, 14

They are come up upon my neck ;
 It hath made my strength to fall :
 Jehovah hath delivered me into *their* hands,
 From *whom* I am not able to rise up.

15 The Lord hath made light of all my mighty men
 In the midst of me :
 He hath summoned an assembly against me
 To crush my young men :
 The Lord hath trodden the wine-press,
 For the virgin, the daughter of Judah.

16 For these things I weep ;
 Mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water,
 Because far from me is he that should comfort me,
 He that should restore my soul ;
 My children are desolate, because the enemy hath prevailed.

17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands,
 There is none to comfort her :
 Jehovah hath given charge concerning Jacob,
 His adversaries are round about him :
 Jerusalem is become an unclean thing in the midst of them.

18 Righteous is Jehovah,
 For I have rebelled against the word of his mouth :
 Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples, and behold my sorrow :
 My maidens and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called to my lovers, they have deceived me ;
 My priests and mine elders have expired in the city,
 While they sought food for themselves,
 To restore their souls.

20 Behold, O Jehovah ; for I am in distress :
 My bowels are troubled ;
 My heart is turned within me,
 For I have grievously rebelled :
 Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home *it is* as death.

21 They have heard how I sigh ; *there is* none to comfort me :
 All mine enemies have heard of my calamity :
 They are glad that thou hast done *it* :
 Thou wilt bring on the day thou hast appointed,
 And they shall be like unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before thee ;

And deal with them, as thou hast dealt with me,
For all my transgressions :
For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

CHAP. II.—How hath the Lord covered the daughter of
Zion with a cloud in his anger !

He hath cast down from heaven to earth the beauty of Israel,
And remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger.

The Lord hath swallowed up without pity 2
All the habitations of Jacob,
He hath thrown down in his wrath
The strongholds of the daughter of Judah ;
He hath brought down to the ground,
And profaned the kingdom and its princes.

He hath cut off in fierce anger every horn of Israel : 3
He hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy,
And he burneth against Jacob like a flaming fire,
Devouring round about.

He hath bent his bow like an enemy, 4
He stood, with his right hand like an adversary,
And slew all that were pleasant to the eye ;
On the tent of the daughter of Zion he poured out his fury
like fire.

The Lord hath been as an enemy : 5
He hath swallowed up Israel,
He hath swallowed up all her palaces ;
He hath destroyed his strongholds,
And hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and
lamentation.

And he hath violently taken away his hedge, 6
Like *that of* a garden :
He hath destroyed his place of assembly :
Jehovah hath caused the solemn feast and sabbath to be for-
gotten in Zion,
And, in the indignation of his anger, hath despised king
and priest.

The Lord hath cast off his altar, 7
He hath abhorred his sanctuary,
He hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of
her palaces ;

They have raised *their* voice in the house of Jehovah,
As in the day of a solemn feast.

- 8 Jehovah hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter
of Zion ;

He hath stretched out the measuring-line,
He hath not drawn back his hand from destroying :
And he hath made the rampart and the wall to mourn ;
They languish together.

- 9 Her gates are sunk into the ground ;
He hath destroyed and broken her bars :
Her king and her princes are among the nations ;
The law *is* no *more* ;
Her prophets also find no vision from Jehovah.

- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground ;
They are silent ;
They have cast up dust upon their heads ;
They have girded themselves with sackcloth :
The maidens of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the
ground.

- 11 Mine eyes fail with tears, my bowels are troubled,
My liver is poured upon the ground,
For the destruction of the daughter of my people ;
At the fainting of the child and the suckling in the streets
of the city.

- 12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine ?
When they fainted like a wounded man,
In the streets of the city,
When their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.

- 13 What shall I urge upon thee ?
What shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem ?
What shall I compare to thee, that I may comfort thee,
O virgin daughter of Zion ?
For thy destruction is great as the sea ; who can heal thee ?

- 14 Thy prophets have announced to thee vanity and foolishness :
And they have not disclosed thine iniquity,
To turn back thy captivity ;
But have announced to thee oracles of vanity and seduction.

- 15 All that pass by clap *their* hands at thee ;
They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem,

Saying, Is this the city
Which is called, The perfection of beauty,
The joy of the whole earth ?

All thine enemies open their mouth against thee : 16
They hiss and gnash the teeth :
They say, We have swallowed *her* up :
Truly this is the day that we looked for ;
We have found, we have seen *it*.

Jehovah hath done that which he had devised ; 17
He hath fulfilled his word
Which he appointed in days of old :
He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied :
And he hath caused an enemy to rejoice over thee,
He hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.

Their heart cried unto the Lord : 18
O wall of the daughter of Zion,
Let tears run down like a river day and night :
Give thyself no rest ; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

Arise, cry aloud in the night, 19
At the beginning of the watches ;
Pour out thy heart like water before the face of the Lord :
Lift up thy hands unto him for the life of thy young children,
That faint with hunger at the top of every street.

Behold, O Jehovah,
And consider to whom thou hast done this : 20
Shall women eat the fruit of their womb,
Children carried in the arms ?
Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of
the Lord ?

The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets : 21
My maidens and my young men are fallen by the sword ;
Thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine anger ;
Thou hast slaughtered *them*, and not pitied.

Thou hast called my terrors round about *me*, 22
A multitude, as in the day of a solemn feast ;
So that none hath escaped nor remained,
In the day of the anger of Jehovah.
Those whom I have carried in the arms and brought up
Hath mine enemy consumed.

- 1 CHAP. III.—I am the man *that* hath seen affliction
by the rod of His wrath :
- 2 He hath led me, and brought *me into* darkness,
And not *into* light ;
- 3 Surely against me hath he turned his hand,
Again and again, all the day.
- 4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old ;
He hath broken my bones :
- 5 He hath built against me,
And encompassed *me* with bitterness and trouble :
- 6 He hath set me in dark places, as those long dead.
- 7 He hath inclosed me round about, that I cannot get out ;
He hath made my chain heavy :
- 8 Even when I cry and shout he shutteth out my prayer :
- 9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone ;
He hath made my paths crooked.
- 10 *As* a bear lying in wait hath he been to me,
As a lion in lurking-places :
- 11 He hath turned aside my ways, and torn me in pieces :
He hath made me desolate.
- 12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
- 13 He hath caused the contents of his quiver to enter into my
reins ;
- 14 I have been a derision to all my people ;
Their song all the day :
- 15 He hath filled me with bitterness,
He hath made me drunken with wormwood.
- 16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel ;
He hath covered me with ashes.
- 17 And thou hast thrust away my soul from peace ;
I have forgotten prosperity.
- 18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from
Jehovah.
- 19 Remember mine affliction and my misery,
The wormwood and the bitter draught !
- 20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance,
And is humbled within me.
- 21 This I recall to my mind, therefore will I hope,—
- 22 *Even* the mercies of Jehovah, that we are not consumed,
That his compassions fail not ;

- They are new every morning ; great is thy faithfulness. 23
 Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul ; 24
 Therefore will I hope in him.
- Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, 25
 To the soul *that* seeketh him.
 It is good that *a man* should hope and wait quietly 26
 For the salvation of Jehovah :
 It is good for a man, that he bear the yoke in his youth. 27
- He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, 28
 Because He hath laid *it* upon him ;
 He putteth his mouth in the dust, 29
 If so be there may be hope :
 He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him ; 30
 He is filled with reproach.
- For the Lord will not cast off for ever ; 31
 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion 32
 According to the multitude of his mercies ;
 For he doth not willingly afflict and grieve the children of 33
 men.
- To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth, 34
 To turn aside the right of a man 35
 Before the face of the Most High,
 To subvert a man in his cause,—the Lord beholdeth not. 36
- Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, 37
When the Lord commandeth *it* not ?
 From the mouth of the Most High 38
 Proceedeth not evil and good ?
 Wherefore doth a living man complain, 39
 A man for the punishment of his sins ?
- Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah ; 40
 Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands 41
 Unto God in the heavens :
 We have transgressed and rebelled ; thou hast not pardoned ! 42
- Thou hast covered thyself with anger, and pursued us ; 43
 Thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied :
 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, 44
 That *our* prayer should not pass through :
 Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse, 45
 In the midst of the peoples.

- 46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us ;
47 Terror and the pit are come upon us,
Desolation and destruction :
48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water,
For the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not,
Without intermission,
50 Till Jehovah look down, and behold from heaven :
51 Mine eye grieveth for my soul,
Because of all the daughters of my city.
- 52 Mine enemies without cause have hunted me down,
like a bird :
53 They have destroyed my life in the dungeon,
And cast a stone upon me :
54 Waters have flowed over my head ; I have said, I am cut off.
- 55 I call upon thy name, O Jehovah, from the dungeon beneath ;
56 Thou hearest my voice :
Hide not thine ear at my sighing, at my cry :
57 Thou art near in the day *that* I call upon thee ;
Thou sayest, Fear not.
- 58 O Lord, thou pleadest the cause of my soul ;
Thou redeemest my life :
59 O Jehovah, thou hast seen my wrong ; judge thou my cause :
60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance,
All their purposes against me.
- 61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jehovah,
All their purposes against me ;
62 The lips of those that rise up against me,
And their muttering against me all the day.
63 Behold their sitting-down, and their rising-up ;
I am their music.
- 64 Render unto them a recompence, O Jehovah,
According to the work of their hands :
65 Give them stubbornness of heart,—thy curse unto them !
66 Pursue *them* in anger and destroy them
From under the heavens of Jehovah.

1 CHAP. IV.—How is the gold become dim !
The most fine gold changed !

The sacred stones are scattered about at the top of every street.

The precious sons of Zion, comparable to pure gold, 2
How are they esteemed as earthen vessels,
The work of the hands of the potter !

Even the jackals draw out the breast, 3
They give suck to their young ones ;
But the daughter of my people *is become* cruel,
Like the ostriches in the wilderness.

The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his 4
mouth for thirst ;
The young children ask for bread,
No man breaketh *it* for them.

They that fed on dainties are desolate in the streets ; 5
They that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

For the punishment of the daughter of my people 6
Is greater than the punishment of Sodom,
Which was overthrown in a moment,
Though no hands were laid upon her.

Her nobles were purer than snow, 7
They were whiter than milk,
They were more ruddy in body than corals,
Their veining *was* the sapphire :

Now, darker than darkness is their form ; 8
They are not known in the streets ;
Their skin cleaveth to their bones ;
It is become dry like a stick.

They that are slain with the sword 9
Are better than *they that are* slain with hunger ;
For these pine away,
Stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

The hands of tender-hearted women have boiled their own 10
children :
They were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of
my people.

Jehovah hath accomplished his fury ; 11
He hath poured out the fierceness of his anger,

- And hath kindled a fire in Zion,
And it hath devoured the foundations thereof.
- 12 The kings of the earth believed not,
Nor all the inhabitants of the world,
That the adversary would enter, and the enemy,
Into the gates of Jerusalem,—
- 13 For the sins of her prophets, the iniquities of her priests,
Who have shed the blood of the righteous
In the midst of her.
- 14 They staggered *as blind men* in the streets ;
They were polluted with blood,
So that men could not touch their garments.
- 15 Depart ! Unclean ! they cried to them,
Depart, Depart, touch not !
When they fled away, they staggered ;
Men said among the nations,
They shall no more sojourn *there*.
- 16 The anger of Jehovah hath scattered them ;
He will no more regard them :
The enemy respected not the persons of the priests,
They favoured not the elders.
- 17 As for us, still did our eyes fail,
Looking for our help in vain ;
On our watch-tower we have watched for a nation *that* could
not save *us*.
- 18 They hunted our steps,
So that we could not go in our streets :
Our end is near, our days are fulfilled ;
For our end is come.
- 19 Swifter than the eagles of the heaven were our pursuers ;
They chased us upon the mountains,
They laid wait for us in the wilderness.
- 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Jehovah,
Was taken in their pits,
Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among
the nations.
- 21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom,
That dwellest in the land of Uz :

Unto thee also shall the cup pass over :
Thou shalt be drunken, and shalt expose thy nakedness.

The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, 22
O daughter of Zion !
He will no more carry thee away into captivity :
He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom !
He will uncover thy sins.

CHAP. V.—Remember, O Jehovah, what is come upon us ; 1
Look, and behold our reproach.
Our inheritance is turned over to strangers, 2
Our houses to foreigners.
We are orphans and fatherless, 3
Our mothers *are* as widows.
Our water we have drunk for money ; 4
Our wood is sold unto us.
With the yoke upon our necks we are driven : 5
We labour, *and* have no rest.
To Egypt and to Assyria we have given the hand, 6
To be satisfied with bread.
Our fathers have sinned, *and* they are not ; 7
And we have borne their iniquities.
Servants rule over us : 8
There is none to deliver *us* out of their hand.
With *the peril* of our lives we get our bread, 9
Because of the sword of the wilderness.
Our skin is parched as with a furnace, 10
Because of the terrible famine.
They ravished the women in Zion, 11
Maidens in the cities of Judah.
Princes were hanged up by their hand : 12
The faces of elders were not honoured.
They took the young men to grind, 13
And the children fell under *burdens of* wood.
The elders have ceased from the gate, 14
The young men from their music.
The joy of our heart hath ceased ; 15
Our dancing is turned into mourning.
The crown is fallen *from* our head : 16
Woe unto us, that we have sinned !
For this our heart is faint ; 17
For these things our eyes are dim :

- 18 Because of mount Zion, which is desolate ;
Foxes walk upon it.
- 19 Thou, O Jehovah, remainest for ever ;
Thy throne from generation to generation :
- 20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever ?
Why wilt thou so long forsake us ?
- 21 Turn us again unto thee, O Jehovah, and we shall be turned ;
Renew our days as of old :
- 22 For hast thou utterly rejected us ?
Art thou wroth against us to the uttermost ?
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THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

E Z E K I E L.

CHAP. I.—And it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in ¹ the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of ² the month, (that was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,) the word of Jehovah came expressly unto *me*, ³ Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of Jehovah was there upon me.

And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of ⁴ the north; a great cloud, and a self-infolding fire; and a brightness was round about it, and in the midst thereof, as it were, the colour of polished brass, in the midst of the fire. And in the midst thereof was the likeness of four living ⁵ creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man; and every one had four faces, and every ⁶ one had four wings. And their legs were straight; and the ⁷ sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And they had ⁸ the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and *all* the four had their faces and their wings. Their wings ⁹ were joined one to another; they turned not about when they went; they went every one straight forwards. As for the ¹⁰ likeness of their faces, *all* the four had the face of a man *in front*, and the face of a lion on the right side; and *all* the four had the face of an ox on the left side; *all* the four also had the face of an eagle. Thus were their faces. And their wings ¹¹ were stretched upwards; two wings of each one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they ¹²

- went every one straight forwards : whither the spirit was to
13 go, they went ; they turned not about when they went. As
for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was
like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps :
the fire went up and down among the living creatures ; and
the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance
of a flash of lightning.
- 15 And I beheld the living creatures, and behold a wheel
going in four directions *rested* upon the earth close by *each*
16 of the living creatures. The appearance of the wheels and
their workmanship was like unto the colour of a chrysolite :
and *all* the four had one likeness : and their appearance and
their workmanship was, as it were, a wheel within a wheel.
17 When they went, they went towards their four sides : they
18 turned not about when they went. As for their rims,
they were high and dreadful ; for their rims were full of
19 eyes, round about the *whole* four. And when the living
creatures went, the wheels went beside them : and when the
living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels
20 were lifted up. Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they
went, whithersoever the spirit was to go ; and the wheels
were lifted up along-side of them : for the spirit of the
21 living creatures was in the wheels. When those went, these
went ; and when those stood, these stood ; and when those
were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up along-
side of them : for the spirit of the living creatures was in the
22 wheels. And over the heads of the living creatures was the
likeness of a majestic firmament, in appearance like crystal,
23 stretched forth over their heads above. And under the fir-
mament were their wings directed the one towards the other :
each one had two which covered his body on this side, and
each one had two which covered his body on that side.
24 And I heard the sound of their wings as the sound of many
waters, as the voice of the Almighty, when they went. The
sound of *their* speech was like the sound of a host. When
25 they stood, they let down their wings : and there was a
sound from the firmament that was over their heads, when
they stood, and had let down their wings.
- 26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was
the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire-
stone : and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness
27 as the appearance of a man upon it, above. And I saw as

the colour of polished brass, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upwards, and from the appearance of his loins even downwards, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and a brightness was round about him. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake. CHAP. II.—And he said unto me, “Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.” And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, and I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me,

Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel,
To a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me :
They and their fathers have transgressed against me,
even unto this very day.

Although they are impudent children and stiff-hearted,
I send thee unto them ;
And thou shalt say unto them, ‘Thus saith the Lord
Jehovah :’

And whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear,
(For they are a rebellious house,)
Yet shall they know that there hath been a prophet
among them.

And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them,
Neither be afraid of their words,
Though briers and thorns be with thee,
And thou dost dwell among scorpions.
Fear not their words, nor be dismayed at their looks,
Though they are a rebellious house.
And thou shalt speak my words unto them,
Whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear :
For they are a rebellious house.

But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee ;
Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house :
Open thy mouth, and eat that which I give thee.

And I looked, and behold, a hand was put forth unto me ;
and, lo, a roll of a book was therein ; And he spread it before me ;
and it was written within and without : and there were lamentations written therein, and mourning, and woe.

1 CHAP. III.—And he said unto me, “Son of man, eat
that which thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto
2 the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he caused
3 me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, “Son of man,
feast thy belly and fill thy bowels with this roll which I give
unto thee.” Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as
4 honey for sweetness. And he said unto me,

Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel,
And speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech
and of a hard language,

But to the house of Israel;

6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard
language,

Whose words thou canst not understand.

Surely, had I sent thee to them,

They would have hearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee;

For they will not hearken unto me:

For all the house of Israel are impudent and stiff-
hearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces,
And thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 As an adamant, harder than flint, have I made thy
forehead:

Fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks,

Though they are a rebellious house.

10 And he said unto me, “Son of man, all my words that I
shall speak unto thee, receive in thy heart, and hear with
11 thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto
the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell
them, ‘Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;’ whether they will hear,
or whether they will forbear.”

12 Then the spirit lifted me up; and I heard behind me a
voice of a great rushing, *saying*, “Blessed be the glory of
13 Jehovah from his place!” *I heard* also the sound of the
wings of the living creatures which touched one another, and
the sound of the wheels along-side them, and the sound
14 of a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up, and took me
away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit;
but the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me.

15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, who

dwelt by the river Chebar ; and I dwelt where they dwelt, and remained there astonished among them seven days. And ¹⁶ it came to pass, at the end of seven days, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house ¹⁷ of Israel :

Therefore hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

When I say unto the wicked, ‘Thou shalt surely die ;’ ¹⁸
And thou givest him not warning, nor speakest,
To warn the wicked man from his wicked way, to save his life,

That wicked man shall die in his iniquity ;
But his blood will I require at thy hand.

Yet if thou warn the wicked, ¹⁹
And he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way,
He shall die in his iniquity ;
But thou hast delivered thy soul.

Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his ²⁰
righteousness, and commit iniquity,
And I lay a stumbling-block before him,
And he dieth because thou hast not given him warning,
He shall die in his sin,
And his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered ;
But his blood will I require at thy hand.

Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the ²¹
righteous sin not,
And he doth not sin,
He shall surely live, because he hath taken warning ;
And thou hast delivered thy soul.

And the hand of Jehovah was there upon me ; and he said ²² unto me, “Arise, go forth into the plain, and there I will speak with thee.” Then I arose, and went forth into the ²³ plain : and, behold, the glory of Jehovah stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar : and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my ²⁴ feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, “Go, shut thyself within thy house. But thou, O son of man, behold, ²⁵ they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, that thou go not out among them : And I will make ²⁶

thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth ; and thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover : for they are
 27 a rebellious house. But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, ‘ Thus saith the Lord Jehovah.’ He that heareth, let him hear ; and he that forbearcth, let him forbear : for they are a rebellious house.

1 CHAP. IV.—“ And thou, son of man, take unto thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it a city, *even*
 2 Jerusalem : And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast up a mound against it ; set a camp also against it, and set battering-rams against it round about. More-
 3 over take thou unto thee a plate of iron, and set it for an iron wall between thee and the city : and set thy face against
 4 it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it : according to the number of the days that
 5 thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days : so
 6 shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah
 7 forty days : I have appointed thee each day for a year. And towards the siege of Jerusalem thou shalt set thy face and
 8 thine uncovered arm, and thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days
 9 of thy siege. And take thou unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and spelt ; and put them in one vessel ; and make them into bread for thyself, for the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side ; three
 10 hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. And thy food which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels
 11 a day : from time to time shalt thou eat it. Thou shalt also drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin : from time
 12 to time shalt thou drink. And thou shalt eat barley cakes ; and with dung that cometh out of a man, *for fuel*, thou shalt
 13 bake it in their sight.” And Jehovah said, “ Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread polluted, among the Gen-
 14 tiles, whither I will drive them.” Then said I, “ Ah, Lord Jehovah ! behold, my soul hath not been polluted : for from

my youth up even till now I have not eaten of that which died of itself, or was torn in pieces; neither hath putrid flesh come into my mouth." Then he said unto me, "Behold, I ¹⁵ give thee cow's dung instead of man's dung; and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith." Moreover he said unto me, ¹⁶ "Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: For they shall want bread and water, and be astonished ¹⁷ one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

CHAP. V.—"And thou, son of man, take unto thee a sharp ¹ instrument, *yea* take unto thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thy head and upon thy beard: then take unto thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair. A third part ² thou shalt burn with fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a sword: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and ³ bind them in thy skirts. And of them again thou shalt take, ⁴ and shalt cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From them shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; This is Jerusalem! ⁵
 I have set her in the midst of the nations,
 And countries are round about her:
 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness ⁶
 more than the nations,
 And my statutes more than the countries that are round
 about her:
 For they have refused my judgments;
 And as for my statutes, they have not walked in them.
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; ⁷
 Because ye rail *against me* more than the nations that
 are round about you,
 And have not walked in my statutes,
 Neither have kept my judgments,
 But have done according to the judgments of the nations
 that are round about you;
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; ⁸
 Behold, I, even I, am against thee,

And I will execute judgments in the midst of thee
In the sight of the nations.

- 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done,
And the like whereunto I will not do any more,
Because of all thine abominations.

- 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of
thee,

And the sons shall eat their fathers ;
And I will execute judgments in thee,
And the whole remnant of thee I will scatter towards
all the winds.

- 11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,
Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary
With all thy detestable things, and with all thine
abominations,

Therefore will I also diminish *thee* ;
And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have any
pity.

- 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence,
And with famine shall they be consumed in the midst
of thee :

And a third part shall fall by the sword round about
thee ;

And I will scatter a third part towards all the winds,
And I will draw out a sword after them.

- 13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished,
And I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will
be comforted :

And they shall know that I Jehovah have spoken it in
my zeal,

When I have accomplished my fury upon them.

- 14 Moreover I will make thee a waste and a reproach
Among the nations that are round about thee,
In the sight of all that pass by.

- 15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt,
A warning and an astonishment unto the nations that
are round about thee,

When I shall execute judgments in thee,
In anger, and in fury, and in furious rebukes.
I Jehovah have spoken it.

- 16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine,
Which shall be for destruction,
And which I will send to destroy you.

And I will increase the famine upon you,
 And will break your staff of bread :
 And I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, 17
 And they shall bereave thee ;
 And pestilence and blood shall pass through thee ;
 And I will bring the sword upon thee.
 I Jehovah have spoken it.

CHAP. VI.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
 saying, “ Son of man, set thy face towards the mountains of 2
 Israel, and prophesy against them ; and say, 3

Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord
 Jehovah !
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to
 the hills,
 To the rivers, and to the valleys :
 Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you,
 And I will destroy your high places ;
 And your altars shall be desolate, 4
 And your sun-pillars shall be broken ;
 And I will cast down your slain before your idols ;
 And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel 5
 before their idols ;
 And I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste, 6
 And the high places shall be desolate ;
 That your altars may be laid waste and destroyed,
 And your idols may be broken and cease,
 And your sun-pillars may be cut down,
 And your works may be abolished.
 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, 7
 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
 Yet will I leave a remnant, 8
 That ye may have some that shall escape the sword among
 the nations,
 When ye shall be scattered through the countries.
 And they that escape of you shall remember me 9
 Among the nations whither they shall be carried cap-
 tives,
 Because I have broken their whorish heart, which hath
 departed from me,
 And their eyes, which go whoring after their idols :

And they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they
have committed

In all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I Jehovah have not said in
vain

That I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Smite with thy hand, and stamp with thy foot,

And say, ‘ Alas for all the evil abominations of the house
of Israel ! ’

For they shall fall by the sword,

By the famine, and by the pestilence ;

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence ;

And he that is near shall fall by the sword ;

And he that remaineth and is besieged

Shall die by the famine :

Thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 Then shall ye know that I am Jehovah,

When their slain shall be among their idols

Round about their altars,

Upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains,

And under every green tree, and under every thick oak,

The place where they did offer sweet savour to all their
idols.

14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them,

And make the land desolate ;

Yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath,

In all their habitations :

And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 CHAP. VII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me,
2 saying, “ Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah
unto the land of Israel ;

An end cometh, *yea* the end,

Upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now *cometh* the end upon thee ;

For I will send mine anger upon thee,

And will judge thee according to thy ways,

And will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee,

Neither will I have pity :

But I will recompense thy ways upon thee,

And thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee :
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 5
An evil, an unexampled evil, behold it cometh !
An end cometh, the end cometh : 6
It awaketh up for thee ; behold, it cometh !
Thy fate cometh upon thee, O thou that dwellest in 7
the land !

The time is come, the day is near ;
Tribulation and not the joyous shout upon the moun-
tains.

Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, 8
And accomplish mine anger against thee :
And I will judge thee according to thy ways,
And recompense thee for all thine abominations.
And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity : 9
I will recompense thee according to thy ways,
And thine abominations that are in the midst of thee ;
And ye shall know that it is I Jehovah that smiteth.

Behold the day ! behold, it cometh ! 10
The fate is come forth !
The rod hath blossomed, pride hath flourished.
Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness. 11
None of them shall remain, none of their multitude,
Nor any of their tumultuous ones :
Neither shall there be wailing for them.

The time is come, the day draweth near : 12
Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn :
For wrath is upon all the multitude of the *land*.
For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, 13
Although *both parties* were yet alive :
For wrath is upon all the multitude thereof ;
It shall not return ineffectual,
Neither shall any strengthen himself that liveth in his
iniquity.

They have blown the trumpet, and all is made ready, 14
But none goeth to the battle :

For my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

The sword is without, and the pestilence and the 15
famine within :

He that is in the field shall die by the sword,
And he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall
devour him.

- 16 But they that *are to* escape of them shall escape,
 And shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys,
 All of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.
 17 All hands shall be feeble,
 And all knees shall be as weak as water.
 18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth,
 And horror shall cover them;
 And upon all faces shall be shame,
 And upon all their heads baldness.
 19 They shall cast their silver into the streets,
 And their gold shall be as an unclean thing:
 Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver
 them
 In the day of the wrath of Jehovah.
 They shall not satisfy their souls *therewith*,
 Neither shall they fill their bowels:
 Because it was the stumbling-block of their iniquity.
 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, each one turned it
 to pride:
 And images of their abominations *and* of their detest-
 able things they made therewith:
 Therefore have I put it far from them.
 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a
 prey,
 And to the wicked of the earth for a spoil;
 And they shall pollute it.
 22 My face will I turn also from them,
 And men shall pollute my secret place:
 For robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.
 23 Make a chain:
 For the land is full of bloody crimes,
 And the city is full of violence.
 24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen,
 And they shall possess their houses:
 I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease,
 And their holy places shall be defiled.
 25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace,
 But there shall be none.
 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be
 upon rumour.
 Then shall they seek a vision of the prophet;
 But the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel
 from the elders.

The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed 27
with desolation,

And the hands of the people of the land shall be
troubled.

I will do unto them after their way,
And according to their deserts will I judge them ;
And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

CHAP. VIII.—And it came to pass in the sixth year, in 1
the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in
my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the
hand of the Lord Jehovah fell there upon me. And I be- 2
held, and lo, a form having the appearance of fire : from the
appearance of his loins even downwards, fire ; and from his
loins even upwards, as the appearance of brightness, as the
colour of polished brass. And he put forth the form of a 3
hand, and took me by a lock of my head ; and the spirit
lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in
the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner
gate which looketh towards the north ; where was the seat of
the idol of jealousy, which provoketh *God* to jealousy. And, 4
behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according
to the vision which I had seen in the plain.

Then said he unto me, “ Son of man, lift up thine eyes now 5
on the way towards the north.” So I lifted up mine eyes on
the way towards the north ; and behold, northward of the
altar-gate, this idol of jealousy in the entry. He said further- 6
more unto me, “ Son of man, seest thou what they do, even
the great abominations which the house of Israel commit-
teth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary ? But
turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abomina-
tions.”

And he brought me to the door of the court ; and when I 7
looked, behold, a hole in the wall. And he said unto me, 8
“ Son of man, dig now through the wall.” And I digged
through the wall ; and behold, a door. And he said unto 9
me, “ Go in, and behold the wicked abominations which they
do here.” So I went in and saw ; and behold, every form of 10
creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of
the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.
And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of 11
the house of Israel, (and in the midst of them stood Jaaza-
niah the son of Shaphan,) every man with his censer in his

12 hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, "Son of man, seest thou what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? For they say, 'Jehovah seeth us not; Jehovah hath forsaken the earth.'" And he said unto me, "Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations which they do."

14 Then he brought me to the entrance of the gate of the house of Jehovah which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat 15 women weeping for Tammuz. And he said unto me, "Seest thou this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these."

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the house of Jehovah; and, behold, at the door of the temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs towards the temple of Jehovah, and their faces towards the east; and they were bowing themselves eastward towards the sun. Then he said unto me,

17 Seest thou this, O son of man?
Is it a light thing to the house of Judah
That they commit the abominations which they commit
here?

That they have filled the land with violence,
And repeatedly provoked me to anger:
And, lo, they put the branch to their nostrils!
18 Therefore will I also deal *with them* in fury:
Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity:
And though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice
Yet will I not hear them.

1 CHAP. IX.—And one cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, "Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his 2 hand." And, behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lieth towards the north, every man with his slaughter-weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's ink-horn by his side. 3 And they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was lifted up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's 4 ink-horn by his side; And Jehovah said unto him, "Go

through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof." And to the others he said in my hearing, "Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly, old men, *and* youths, and maidens, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary." Then they began at the ancient men who were before the house. And he said unto them, "Pollute the house, and fill the courts with the slain: *and then* go forth." And they went forth, and slew in the city. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, "Ah Lord Jehovah! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel, whilst thou pourest out thy fury upon Jerusalem?" And he said unto me,

The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great,
 And the land is full of blood,
 And the city full of perverseness:
 For they say, 'Jehovah hath forsaken the earth,
 And Jehovah seeth not.'
 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare,
 Neither will I have pity,
 I will recompense their way upon their head.

And, behold, the man clothed with linen, who had the ink-horn by his side, reported the matter, saying, "I have done as thou hast commanded me."

CHAP. X.—Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament which was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared over them as it were a sapphire-stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, "Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thy hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he went in before mine eyes. (Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. Then the glory of Jehovah was lifted up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the

court was full of the brightness of the glory of Jehovah.
5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.) And it came to pass, when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, "Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim," that
7 he went in, and stood beside the wheels. And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim, unto the fire which was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen :
8 and he took it, and went out. And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.
9 And I looked, and, behold, four wheels were by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub : and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour
10 of a chrysolite. And as for their appearance, the four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been within a wheel.
11 When they went, they went towards their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head
12 looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even
13 the wheels that the four had. And unto the wheels was
14 given in my hearing the name Whirl-wind. And every one had four faces. The first face was the face of an ox, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of
15 a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubim were lifted up. These were the same living creatures
16 that I saw by the river Chebar. And when the cherubim went, the wheels went by them : and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same
17 wheels also turned not from beside them. When they stood, these stood ; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also : for the spirit of the living creatures was in them.
18 Then the glory of Jehovah departed from off the threshold of
19 the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the house of Jehovah ; and the glory of the God of Israel
20 was over them above. These are the same living creatures that I saw under the God of Israel, by the river Chebar ;

and I knew that they were the cherubim. Each one had 21
four faces, and each one four wings; and the likeness of the
hands of a man was under their wings. And as to the like- 22
ness of their faces, the faces were the same which I saw by
the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves. They
went every one straight forwards.

CHAP. XI.—And the spirit lifted me up, and brought me 1
unto the east gate of the house of Jehovah which looketh
castward: and behold, at the door of the gate were five and
twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur,
and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. Then 2
he said unto me, “Son of man, these are the men who devise
mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city: who say, ‘It 3
is not near; let us build houses: this *city* is the caldron, and
we are the flesh.’ Therefore prophesy against them; prophesy, 4
O son of man.” And the Spirit of Jehovah fell upon me, 5
and said unto me, Speak;

Thus saith Jehovah;
Thus have ye said, O house of Israel!
For I know the things that come into your mind.
Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, 6
And ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.
Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 7
Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it,
They are the flesh, and this city is the caldron:
But I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.
Ye have feared the sword; 8
And I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord
Jehovah.
And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, 9
And deliver you into the hands of strangers,
And will execute judgments among you.
Ye shall fall by the sword; 10
In the border of Israel I will judge you;
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
This city shall not be your caldron, 11
Neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof;
But on the border of Israel I will judge you.
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah: 12
For ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed
my judgments,

But have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

13 And it came to pass, while I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah Lord Jehovah! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?" And the
14 word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren,
The men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly,
Are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said,

'Get you far from Jehovah :
Unto us is this land given in possession.'

16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Although I have cast them far off among the heathen,
And although I have scattered them among the countries,
Yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary
In the countries whither they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
I will even gather you from the nations,
And assemble you out of the countries where ye have
been scattered,
And I will give you the land of Israel.

18 And they shall come thither,
And they shall take away all the detestable things
thereof,
And all the abominations thereof *shall depart* thence.

19 And I will give them another heart,
And I will put a new spirit within them ;
And I will take the heart of stone out of their body,
And will give them a heart of flesh :

20 That they may walk in my statutes,
And keep mine ordinances, and do them :
And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But as for them whose heart walketh
After the desire of their detestable things and their
abominations,
I will recompense their way upon their own heads
Saith the Lord Jehovah.

22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, and the wheels
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beside them ; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. And the glory of Jehovah went up from the 23 midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

And the spirit took me up, and brought me in a 24 vision, by the spirit of God, into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision which I had seen went up from me. Then I told unto them of the captivity all the words of 25 Jehovah, which he had shewed unto me.

CHAP. XII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1 saying, “Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a 2 rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not ; *and* have ears to hear, but hear not : for they are a rebellious house. Therefore, thou son of man, prepare an equipment 3 for removing *from the land*, and remove by day in their sight ; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight : it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house. Then shalt thou bring forth thine equip- 4 ment by day in their sight, as an equipment for removing : and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into exile. Dig thou through the wall in 5 their sight, and carry out thereby. In their sight shalt 6 thou bear *it* upon thy shoulders, and carry *it* forth in the twilight : thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground : for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.” And I did as I was commanded : I brought forth 7 mine equipment by day, as an equipment for removing, and in the evening I digged through the wall with my hand ; I brought *it* forth in the twilight, and I bare *it* upon my shoulder in their sight.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, in the morning 8 saying,

Son of man, have they not said unto thee, 9
The house of Israel, the rebellious house,
‘What doest thou?’

Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 10
This burden *foresheweth* the prince in Jerusalem,
And all the house of Israel that are in the midst of it.

Say, I am your sign : 11
Like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them :
They shall remove and go into captivity.

- 12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his
shoulder in the twilight,
And shall go forth :
They shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby :
He shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with
his eyes.
- 13 My net also will I spread over him,
And he shall be taken in my snare :
And I will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the
Chaldeans ;
Yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.
- 14 And all that are about him to help him,
And all his bands, I will scatter towards every wind ;
And I will draw out the sword after them.
- 15 And they shall know that I am Jehovah,
When I shall have scattered them among the nations,
And dispersed them in the countries.
- 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword,
From the famine, and from the pestilence ;
That they may declare all their abominations
Among the heathen whither they come ;
And they shall know that I am Jehovah.
- 17 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,
- 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking,
And drink thy water with trembling and with careful-
ness ;
- 19 And say unto the people of the land,
Thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
Of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of
Israel ;
They shall eat their bread with carefulness,
And drink their water with astonishment ;
For the land shall be desolate from all that is therein,
Because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.
- 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste,
And the land shall be desolate ;
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
- 21 And the word of Jehovah came unto me saying,
- 22 Son of man, what is that proverb which ye have in
the land of Israel,

Saying, 'The days are postponed,
 And every vision faileth ?'
 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 23
 I will make this proverb to cease,
 And they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel ;
 But say unto them, the days are at hand,
 And the subject matter of every vision.
 For there shall be no more any vain vision, 24
 Nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.
 For I Jehovah will speak, 25
 And the word that I shall speak shall come to pass ;
 It shall be no more postponed :
 For in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the
 word,
 And will perform it, saith the Lord Jehovah.
 And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 26
 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, 27
 'The vision that this man seeth is for many days to come,
 And he prophesieth of times that are afar off.'
 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 28
 There shall none of my words be postponed any more,
 But the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith
 the Lord Jehovah.

CHAP. XIII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
 saying, "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel 2
 who prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of
 their own hearts,

Hear ye the word of Jehovah !
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 3
 Woe unto the foolish prophets,
 That follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing !
 O Israel, thy prophets are like the jackals in the 4
 deserts.
 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, 5
 Neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel
 To stand in the battle in the day of Jehovah.
 They have seen vanity and lying divination, 6
 Saying, 'Jehovah saith : ' though Jehovah hath not sent
 them :
 And they have made *others* to hope that they would con-
 firm the word.

- 7 Have ye not seen a vain vision,
And have ye not spoken a lying divination,
In that ye say, 'Jehovah saith it;' albeit I have not
spoken?
- 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies,
Therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord
Jehovah.
- 9 And my hand shall be upon the prophets that see
vanity,
And that divine lies.
They shall not be in the assembly of my people,
Neither shall they be written in the catalogue of the
house of Israel,
Neither shall they enter into the land of Israel;
And ye shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.
- 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people,
Saying 'Peace;' though there was no peace;
And one built up a wall,
And lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:
- 11 Say unto them who daubed it with untempered mortar,
That it shall fall:
There shall be an overflowing shower;
And ye, O great hailstones, shall fall;
And a stormy wind shall rend it.
- 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you
Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury;
And there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger,
And great hailstones in my fury to consume it.
- 14 So will I break down the wall which ye have daubed
with untempered mortar,
And bring it down to the ground,
So that the foundation thereof shall be discovered,
And it shall fall:
And ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof,
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
- 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall,
And upon them that have daubed it with untempered
mortar,
And will say unto you, The wall is no more,
Neither they that daubed it;

To-wit the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning 16
Jerusalem,

And who see visions of peace for her, though there is
no peace,

Saith the Lord Jehovah.

And as for thee, O son of man, 17

Set thy face against the daughters of thy people,

Who prophesy out of their own heart ;

And prophesy thou against them,

And say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 18

Woe to the women that sew cushions for all elbows,

And make pillows for heads of every size,

To ensnare souls !

Will ye ensnare the souls of my people,

And shall ye save your own souls alive ?

And will ye pollute me among my people, 19

For handfuls of barley, and for pieces of bread,

By slaying the souls that should not die,

And by saving the souls alive that should not live,

By your lying to my people that hearken to your lies ?

Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 20

Behold, I am against your cushions,

Wherewith ye there ensnare souls,

So that they shall escape *from you* :

And I will tear them from your arms,

And will let the souls go, even the souls that ye en-
snare,

So that they shall escape.

Your pillows also will I tear, 21

And deliver my people out of your hand,

And they shall be no more in your hand to be en-
snared ;

And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

Because with lies ye have made the heart of the right- 22
eous sad,

Whom I have not made sad ;

And strengthened the hands of the wicked,

That he should not return from his wicked way,

By promising him life.

Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine 23
divinations :

For I will deliver my people out of your hand :

And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XIV.—Then came certain of the elders of Israel
2 unto me, and sat before me. And the word of Jehovah came
unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in
their heart,
And put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before
their face :

Shall I be enquired of at all by them ?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his
idols in his heart,

And putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before
his face,

And cometh to the prophet ;

I Jehovah will answer him that cometh, according to
the multitude of his idols,

5 That I may catch the house of Israel in their own
devices ;

Because they are all estranged from me through their
idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols,

And turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel,

Or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel,

Who separateth himself from me,

And setteth up his idols in his heart,

And putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before
his face,

And cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me ;

I Jehovah will answer him by myself.

8 And I will set my face against that man,

And will make him a sign and a proverb ;

And I will cut him off from the midst of my people ;

And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

9 And if the prophet be deceived,

And shall solemnly say that I Jehovah have deceived
that prophet,

Then will I stretch out my hand upon him,

And will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: 10
 The punishment of the prophet shall be even as the
 punishment of him that enquireth *of him*.

That the house of Israel may go no more astray from 11
 me,

Neither be polluted any more with all their transgres-
 sions;

But that they may be my people,

And I may be their God, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 12

Son of man, when a land sinneth against me by tres- 13
 passing grievously,

And I stretch out my hand upon it,

And break the staff of the bread thereof,

And send famine upon it,

And cut off man and beast from it :

Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were 14
 in it,

They should deliver *only* their own souls by their right-
 eousness,

Saith the Lord Jehovah.

If I cause beasts of prey to pass through the land, 15

And they spoil it, and it be desolate,

So that no man may pass through, because of the
 beasts :

Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the 16
 Lord Jehovah,

They should deliver neither sons nor daughters ;

They themselves only should be delivered,

But the land should be desolate.

Or if I bring a sword upon that land, 17

And say, Sword, go through the land ;

Till I cut off from it man and beast :

Though these three men were in it, 18

As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,

They should deliver neither sons nor daughters,

But they themselves only should be delivered.

Or if I send a pestilence upon that land, 19

And pour out my fury upon it in blood,

Cutting off from it man and beast :

Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, 20

As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,

They should deliver neither son nor daughter ;
 They should deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness.

- 21 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 How much more when I send my four grievous judgments upon Jerusalem,
 The sword, and the famine,
 And the beast of prey, and the pestilence,
 To cut off from it man and beast ?
- 22 Yet behold, an escaped band shall be left therein,
 They that shall be led forth, both sons and daughters :
 Behold, they shall come forth unto you,
 And ye shall see their way and their doings :
 And ye shall be comforted concerning the evil which I
 have brought upon Jerusalem,
 Even concerning all that I have brought upon it.
- 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and
 their doings :
 And ye shall know that I have not done, without cause,
 All that I have done in it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XV.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me,
 saying,

- 2 Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any branching
 tree,
 That is among the trees of the forest ?
- 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work ?
 Or will men take of it a peg to hang any vessel thereon ?
- 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel ;
 The fire devoureth both the ends of it,
 And the middle of it is burned.
 Is it *then* fit for any work ?
- 5 Behold, when it was whole, it could not be wrought
 into any work :
 How much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it
 is burned,
 Shall it be wrought into any work ?
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest,
 Which I have given to the fire for fuel,
 So will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 7 And I will set my face against them ;

They shall go out from one fire,
 And another fire shall devour them ;
 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah,
 When I set my face against them.
 And I will make the land desolate, 8
 Because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord
 Jehovah.

CHAP. XVI.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
 saying,

Son of man, remind Jerusalem of her abominations, 2
 And say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto Jerusalem ; 3
 Thy birth and thy nativity are of the land of the
 Canaanite ;
 Thy father was the Amorite, and thy mother a Hittite.
 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy 4
 navel was not cut,
 Neither wast thou washed clean in water ;
 Thou wast neither sprinkled with salt,
 Nor wrapped in swaddling clothes.
 No eye pitied thee, to do any of these things unto thee, 5
 To have compassion upon thee ;
 But thou wast cast out in the open field,
 To the loathing of thine own soul,
 In the day that thou wast born.

And when I passed by thee, and saw thee cast out 6
 To be trampled upon in thine own blood,
 I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live !
 Yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live !
 I caused thee to become tens of thousands, 7
 Even as the herbage of the field :
 And thou didst increase and grow up,
 And thou didst come to excellence of beauty.
 Thy breasts were fashioned, and thy hair grew :
 But thou wast naked and bare.
 And when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, 8
 Behold, thy time was the time of love ;
 And I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy
 nakedness.
 Yea, I swear unto thee,
 And entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord
 Jehovah,

- And thou becamest mine.
9 Then washed I thee with water ;
Yea, I rinsed away thy blood from thee,
And I anointed thee with oil.
10 I clothed thee also with embroidered work,
And gave thee shoes of seal-skin,
And I girded thee about with fine linen,
And covered thee with silk.
11 I decked thee also with ornaments,
And I put bracelets upon thy hands,
And a chain upon thy neck.
12 And I put a jewel in thy nostril,
And ear-rings in thy ears,
And a beautiful crown upon thine head.
13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver ;
And thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered work ;
Thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil :
And thou wast exceeding beautiful,
And thou didst grow to royal estate.
14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty :
For it was perfect, through my comeliness,
Which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord Jehovah.
15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty,
And didst play the harlot because of thy renown,
And lavish thy fornications on every one that passed by ;
his it was.
16 And of thy garments thou didst take,
And make for thyself high places decked with divers colours,
And thou didst play the harlot thereupon :
The like never came to pass before,
Neither shall it be *so hereafter*.
17 Thou didst also take thy fair jewels,
Of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee,
And thou didst make to thyself images of men,
And commit fornication with them ;
18 And thou didst take thine embroidered garments, and cover them,
And thou didst set mine oil and mine incense before them.
19 My food also which I gave thee,

Fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee,
 Thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savour :
 And thus it was, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Moreover thou didst take thy sons and thy daughters, 20
 Whom thou didst bear unto me,
 And these didst thou sacrifice unto them, to be devoured.
 Was it not enough for thee to commit fornication,
 That thou didst slay my children, 21
 And deliver them up, to cause them to pass through *the*
fire for them ?

And, in all thine abominations and thy fornications, 22
 Thou didst not remember the days of thy youth,
 When thou wast naked and bare,
 And was cast out to be trampled upon in thy blood.

And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, 23
 (Woe, woe unto thee ! saith the Lord Jehovah ;)
 That thou didst build unto thee an alcove, 24
 And didst make unto thee a high place in every street.
 At every head of the way thou didst build thy high 25
 place,

And didst make thy beauty to be abhorred ;
 And didst open thy feet to every one that passed by,
 And didst multiply thy fornications.
 Thou didst also commit fornication with the Egyptians, 26
 Thy neighbours, great of flesh ;
 And hast multiplied thy fornications to provoke me to
 anger.

Behold therefore I have stretched out my hand over 27
 thee,
 And have diminished thine ordinary food ;
 And delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee,
 The daughters of the Philistines,
 Who are disgusted at thy lewd way.

Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, 28
 Because thou wast insatiable ;
 Yea, thou hast played the harlot with them,
 And yet couldest not be satisfied.
 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication 29
 In the land of Canaan *and even* unto Chaldea ;
 And yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

How weak is thy heart, saith the Lord Jehovah, 30
 Seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an im-
 perious lewd woman ;

- 31 In that thou buildest thine alcove in the head of every
way,
And makest thy high place in every street.
Thou hast not even been as a harlot, in that thou
scornest hire ;
- 32 But as a wife that committeth adultery,
Who taketh strangers instead of her husband.
- 33 To all harlots, men are wont to give gifts :
But thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers,
And hirest them, that they may come unto thee, from
every side,
To commit fornication with thee.
- 34 And the contrary is in thee from other women, in thy
fornications,
In that none followeth thee to commit fornications :
And in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is
given unto thee :
Therefore thou art contrary *to them*.
- 35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of Jehovah !
- 36 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because thy money hath been poured out,
And thy nakedness discovered through thy fornications -
with thy lovers,
And with all the idols of thy abominations,
And by the blood of thy children, which thou didst
give unto them ;
- 37 Behold, therefore, I will gather all thy lovers,
With whom thou hast taken pleasure,
And all them that thou hast loved,
With all them that thou hast hated ;
I will even gather them round about against thee ;
And will discover thy nakedness unto them,
That they may see all thy nakedness.
- 38 And I will judge thee, as women are judged,
That break wedlock, and that shed blood.
And I will give thee the blood of fury and jealousy.
- 39 And I will also give thee into their hand ;
And they shall throw down thine alcove,
And break down thy high places :
They shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and take thy
fair jewels,
And leave thee naked and bare.
- 40 They shall also bring up a company against thee,

And stone thee with stones,
 And thrust thee through with their swords.
 And they shall burn thy houses with fire, 41
 And execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many
 women.

And I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot,
 And thou also shalt give no hire any more.
 So will I make my fury towards thee to rest, 42
 And my jealousy shall depart from thee,
 And I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, 43
 But hast provoked me in all these things ;
 Behold, therefore, I also will recompense thy way
 Upon *thine own* head, saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 And thou shalt not commit this lewdness
 In addition to all thine abominations.

Behold, every one that useth proverbs 44
 Shall use this proverb against thee, saying,
 ‘ As is the mother, so is her daughter.’
 Thou art the daughter of thy mother, 45
 Who loathed her husband and her children ;
 And thou art the sister of thy sisters,
 Who loathed their husbands and their children.
 Your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Amorite ;
 And thine elder sister is Samaria, 46
 She that dwelleth, with her daughters, at thy left hand ;
 And thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand,
 Is Sodom and her daughters.

Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, 47
 Nor done after their abominations :
 But, as *if that were* a very little thing, thou hast been
 more corrupt than they,
 In all thy ways.

As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, 48
 Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters,
 As thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.
 Behold this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom :
 Pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness, 49
 Was in her and in her daughters ;
 Neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and
 needy.

And they were haughty, and committed abomination 50
 before me ;

Therefore I took them away as I saw good.

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins ;
But thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than
they,

And hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations
which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, who hast sat in judgment upon thy sisters,
Bear thine own shame for thy sins,
In which thou hast done more abominably than they :
They are more righteous than thou.

Yea, be thou confounded, and bear thy shame,
In that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 When I shall bring again their captivity,
The captivity of Sodom and her daughters,
And the captivity of Samaria and her daughters,
Then *will I bring again* the captivity of thy captives,
In the midst of them :

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame,
And mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done,
In that thou art a comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters,
Shall return to their former estate,
And Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former
estate,
Then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former
estate.

56 And yet thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth,
In the day of thy pride,

57 Whilst as yet thy wickedness was not discovered,
As it was at the time when the daughters of Syria reviled
thee,

And all that are round about her ;
The daughters of the Philistines, who despised thee round
about.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness,
And thine abominations, saith Jehovah.

59 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
I will even deal with thee as thou hast done,
In that thou hast despised the oath,
And broken the covenant.

60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in
the days of thy youth,

And I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, 61
 When thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy
 younger,
 And I will give them unto thee for daughters,
 But not for keeping thy covenant.
 And I will establish my covenant with thee ; 62
 And thou shalt know that I am Jehovah :
 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, 63
 And never open thy mouth any more,
 Because of thy shame ;
 When I am pacified towards thee for all that thou hast
 done,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

CHAP. XVII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
 saying, “ Son of man, put forth a dark saying, and speak a 2
 parable unto the house of Israel ; and say,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 3
 A great eagle, with great pinions, long-winged,
 Full of feathers, and of divers colours,
 Came unto Lebanon,
 And took the highest branch of a cedar.
 He cropped off the top of its young twigs, 4
 And carried it into a land of traffic ;
 He set it in a city of merchants.
 He took also of the seed of the land, 5
 And planted it in a fruitful field ;
 He placed *it* by great waters,
 And set it as a willow tree.
 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, 6
 Whose branches turned towards him,
 And its roots were under him :
 And it became a vine, and brought forth branches,
 And shot forth boughs.

There was also another great eagle, with great pinions 7
 and many feathers :
 And, behold, this vine bent its roots towards him,
 And shot forth its branches towards him,
 From the beds in which it was planted,
 That he might water it.

It had been planted in a good soil by great waters, 8
 That it might bring forth branches,

And that it might bear fruit,
That it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Shall it prosper? shall not the roots thereof be pulled up,
And the fruit thereof be cut off, that it may wither?
It shall wither in all the leaves which it sprouteth forth;
Even without great power or many people to pluck it up
by its roots.

10 Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper?
Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it?
It shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

12 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, "Say
now to the rebellious house,

Know ye not what these things mean?
Tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem,
And took the king thereof, and the princes thereof,
And led them with him to Babylon:

13 And he took *a man* of the king's seed,
And made a covenant with him,
And took an oath of him:

He took also the mighty of the land:
14 That the kingdom might be kept low,
That it might not lift itself up,
But that his covenant might be kept and stand.

15 But he hath rebelled against him, sending ambassadors
into Egypt,

That they might give him horses and much people.
Shall he prosper? Shall he escape that doeth such
things?

Or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

16 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,
Surely in the place where the king dwelleth who made him
king,

Whose oath he hath despised, and whose covenant he hath
broken,

Even with him, in the midst of Babylon, he shall die.

17 And Pharaoh, with his mighty army and great company,
Shall not avail him in the war,
When mounds are cast up and forts are built,
To cut off many persons.

18 Seeing he hath despised the oath, by breaking the covenant,

(When, lo, he had given his hand,)
 And hath done all these things, he shall not escape.
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 19
 As I live, surely mine oath which he hath despised,
 And my covenant which he hath broken,
 Even it will I recompense upon his own head.
 And I will spread my net over him, 20
 And he shall be taken in my snare;
 And I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him
 there,
 For his trespass which he hath trespassed against me.
 And all his fugitives, with all his bands, shall fall by the 21
 sword;
 And they that remain shall be scattered towards all winds:
 And ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it.
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 22
 I will also take of the highest branch of the lofty cedar,
 and will set it;
 From the top of its young twigs I will crop off a tender
 one,
 And will plant it upon a mountain high and eminent:
 In the lofty mountain of Israel will I plant it: 23
 And it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a
 goodly cedar:
 And under it shall dwell all birds of every wing;
 In the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.
 And all the trees of the field shall know 24
 That I, Jehovah, have brought down the high tree, *and* ex-
 alted the low tree,
 Have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree
 to flourish:
 I, Jehovah, have spoken and have done it.

CHAP. XVIII.—And the word of Jehovah, came unto me, 1
 saying,

What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning 2
 the land of Israel,
 Saying, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
 And the children's teeth are set on edge?'
 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, 3
 Ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb
 in Israel.

- 4 Behold, all souls are mine ;
As the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine :
The soul that sinneth, it shall die.
- 5 But if a man be just,
And do that which is lawful and right ;
- 6 And hath neither eaten upon the mountains,
Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel ;
Hath neither defiled his neighbour's wife,
Nor approached a woman during her impurity ;
- 7 And hath not oppressed any,
But hath restored to the debtor his pledge ;
Hath spoiled none by violence,
But hath given his bread to the hungry,
And covered the naked with a garment ;
- 8 Hath not given forth upon usury, nor taken increase ;
Hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity ;
Hath executed true judgment between man and man ;
- 9 Hath walked in my statutes, and kept my judgments,
dealing truly ;
He is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 10 If he beget a son that is a robber,
A shedder of blood,
And that doeth the like to any one of these things,
- 11 And that doeth not any of those *duties* ;
But hath even eaten upon the mountains,
And defiled his neighbour's wife ;
- 12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy ;
Hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge,
And hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, *and* committed
abomination ;
- 13 Hath given forth upon usury, and taken increase ;
Shall he then live ? he shall not live :
He hath done all these abominations ; he shall surely die ;
His blood shall be upon him.
- 14 Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins
which he hath done,
And considereth, and doeth not such like ;
- 15 That hath not eaten upon the mountains,
Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel ;
Hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,
Nor hath oppressed any ;
- 16 Hath not withholden the pledge, nor spoiled by violence ;
But hath given his bread to the hungry,

And hath covered the naked with a garment ;
 Hath taken off his hand from the poor ; 17
 Hath not taken usury nor increase ;
 Hath executed my judgments, *and* walked in my statutes ;
 He shall not die for the iniquity of his father :
 He shall surely live.

As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, 18
 Spoiled his brother by violence,
 And did that which is not good among his people,
 Lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

Yet say ye, ' Why ? doth not the son bear the iniquity 19
 of the father ? '

When the son hath done that which is lawful and right,
 Hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them,
 He shall surely live.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. 20

The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father,
 Neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son ;
 The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him,
 And the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he 21
 hath committed,

And keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and
 right,

He shall surely live, he shall not die.

None of his transgressions that he hath committed 22
 Shall be mentioned unto him :

By his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die ? 23
 saith the Lord Jehovah :

And not that he should return from his ways and live ?

But when the righteous turneth away from his right- 24
 ceousness, and committeth iniquity,

And doeth according to all the abominations that the
 wicked man doeth,

Shall he live ?

All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be re-
 membered :

For his trespass that he hath trespassed,

And for his sin that he hath sinned,

For them shall he die.

Yet ye say, ' The way of the Lord is not equal.' 25
 Hear now, O house of Israel !

Is not my way equal ? are not your ways unequal ?

26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness,

And committeth iniquities, and dieth in them ;

For his iniquity that he hath done he shall die.

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed,

And doeth that which is lawful and right,

He shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed,

He shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Israel, 'The way of the Lord is not equal.'

O house of Israel, are not my ways equal ?

Are not your ways unequal ?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel,

Every one according to his ways, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions :

So iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed ;

And make you a new heart and a new spirit :

For why will ye die, O house of Israel ?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord Jehovah :

Wherefore turn ye yourselves, and live.

1 CHAP. XIX.—And as for thee, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, and say,

2 What was thy mother ? A lioness !

Among lions she lay down,

Among young lions she nourished her whelps.

3 And she brought up one of her whelps ;

He became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey :

He devoured men.

4 And the nations made a proclamation against him ;

He was taken in their pit ;

And brought with nose-rings unto the land of Egypt.

5 And when she saw that she waited *in vain*, and that her hope was lost,

Then she took another of her whelps,

And made him a young lion.
 And he went up and down among the lions; 6
 He became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey;
 He devoured men.
 And he ruined their stately palaces, 7
 And laid waste their cities;
 And the land was terror-struck, and all that was therein,
 At the noise of his roaring.
 Then the nations set themselves against him on every side 8
 from the provinces,
 And spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit:
 And they put him into a cage, with nose-rings, 9
 And brought him to the king of Babylon:
 They brought him into strong-holds,
 That his voice should no more be heard upon the moun-
 tains of Israel.

Thy mother is like the vine of thy vineyard, 10
 Planted by the waters:
 She was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many
 waters.
 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of rulers, 11
 And her stature was exalted among the thick branches,
 And she was conspicuous in her height with the multitude
 of her branches.
 But she was plucked up in fury, 12
 She was cast down to the ground,
 And the east wind dried up her fruit:
 Her strong rods were broken and withered;
 The fire consumed them.
 And now she is planted in the wilderness, 13
 In a dry and thirsty ground.
 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, 14
 It hath devoured her fruit;
 And there is not in her a strong rod,
 Nor a sceptre of dominion.

This is a lamentation; and it shall be for a lamentation.

CHAP. XX.—And it came to pass in the seventh year, 1
 in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of
 the elders of Israel came to enquire of Jehovah, and sat before 2

3 me. And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, "Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Are ye come to enquire of me ?

As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,

I will not be enquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou plead for them, son of man ?

Wilt thou plead for them ?

Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers :

5 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

In the day when I chose Israel,

And lifted up my hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob,

And made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt ;

When I lifted up my hand unto them, saying,

I, Jehovah, am your God :

In the day that I lifted up my hand unto them,

To bring them forth of the land of Egypt,

Into a land that I had searched out for them,

A land flowing with milk and honey,

Which is the glory of all lands :

7 Then I said unto them,

Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes,

And defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt :

I, Jehovah, am your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me :

They did not, every man, cast away the abominations of their eyes,

Neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them,

To accomplish mine anger against them,

In the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I acted for my name's sake,

That it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were,

In whose sight I made myself known unto them,

By bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt :

10 And I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt,

And led them into the wilderness.

11 And I gave them my statutes,

And shewed them my judgments,

Which if a man do, he shall even live by them.

Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, 12
 To be a sign between me and them,
 That they might know that I, Jehovah, had sanctified them.

But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the 13
 wilderness :

They walked not in my statutes, and they despised my
 judgments,

Which if a man do, he shall even live by them ;

And my sabbaths they greatly polluted.

Then I said that I would pour out my fury upon them,
 To consume them in the wilderness.

But I acted for my name's sake, 14

That it should not be polluted before the heathen,

In whose sight I brought them out.

Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, 15

That I would not bring them into the land which I had
 given them,

A land flowing with milk and honey,

Which is the glory of all lands ;

Because they despised my judgments, 16

And walked not in my statutes,

But polluted my sabbaths :

For their heart went after their idols.

Nevertheless mine eye spared them, so that I did not 17
 destroy them,

Neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

But I said unto their children in the wilderness, 18

Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers,

Neither observe their judgments,

Nor defile yourselves with their idols.

I am Jehovah your God ; walk in my statutes, 19

And keep my judgments, and do them ;

And hallow my sabbaths ; 20

And they shall be a sign between me and you,

That ye may know that I, Jehovah, am your God.

Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against me : 21

They walked not in my statutes,

Neither kept my judgments to do them,

Which if a man do, he shall even live by them ;

They polluted my sabbaths.

Then I said that I would pour out my fury upon them,

To accomplish mine anger against them in the wilderness.

Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, 22

- And acted for my name's sake,
 That it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen,
 In whose sight I brought them forth.
- 23 I lifted my hand unto them also in the wilderness,
 That I would scatter them among the heathen,
 And disperse them through the countries ;
- 24 Because they had not executed my judgments,
 But had despised my statutes,
 And had polluted my sabbaths,
 And their eyes were after their fathers' idols.
- 25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes which were not good,
 And judgments whereby they should not live ;
- 26 And I polluted them by their offerings,
 In that they caused all their first-born to pass through *the*
fire,
 That I might make them desolate,
 To the end that they might know that I am Jehovah.
- 27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel,
 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Moreover in this your fathers dishonoured me,
 And committed a grievous trespass against me.
- 28 For when I had brought them into the land,
 Concerning which I had lifted up my hand to give it unto
 them,
 Then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees,
 And there they offered their sacrifices,
 And there they presented the provoking oblation :
 There also they presented their sweet savour,
 And there poured out their libations.
- 29 Then I said unto them, What is the high place where-
 unto ye go ?
 And the name thereof is called Bamah, [THE HIGH PLACE,]
 unto this day.
- 30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel,
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers ?
 And do ye commit fornication after their abominations ?
- 31 For when ye offer your gifts, and when ye make your sons
 to pass through the fire,
 Ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this
 day :
 And shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel ?
 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,

I will not be enquired of by you.
And that which cometh into your mind shall by no means 32
come to pass,
When ye say, 'We will be as the heathen,
As the families of the countries, serving wood and stone.'
As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, 33
Surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm,
And with fury poured out, will I rule over you :
And I will bring you out from among the nations, 34
And will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are
scattered,
With a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm,
And with fury poured out.
And I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations, 35
And there will I plead with you face to face.
Even as I pleaded with your fathers 36
In the wilderness of the land of Egypt,
So will I plead with you, saith the Lord Jehovah.
And I will cause you to pass under the rod, 37
And I will bring you into the bond of the covenant :
And I will purge out from among you the rebels, 38
And them that transgress against me :
I will bring them forth out of the country where they
sojourn,
And they shall not enter into the land of Israel :
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord 39
Jehovah ;
Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, even from this time
forth,
If ye will not hearken unto me :
But pollute ye my holy name no more
With your gifts, and with your idols.
For, upon my holy mountain, 40
On the lofty mountain of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah,
There shall all the house of Israel serve me,
All of them in the land ;
There will I accept them, and there will I require your
offerings,
And the first-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy
things.
I will accept you with your sweet savour, 41
When I bring you out from among the nations,

And gather you out of the countries whercin ye have been scattered ;

And I will be sanctified by your means before the heathen.

42 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah,
When I shall bring you into the land of Israel,
Into the country for which I lifted up mine hand
To give it unto your fathers.

43 And there shall ye remember your ways,
And all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled ;
And ye shall loathe yourselves, in your own sight,
For all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah,
When I have acted with you for my name's sake,
Not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your
corrupt doings,
O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.

45 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, " Son
46 of man, set thy face towards the south, and speak towards the
south, and prophesy against the forest of the southern field :
47 and say to the forest of the south,

Hear the word of Jehovah !
Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Behold I will kindle a fire in thee,
And it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry
tree :

The fierce flame shall not be quenched,
And all faces from the south to the north shall be burned
thereby :

48 And all flesh shall see that I, Jehovah, have kindled it ;
It shall not be quenched.

49 Then said I, " Ah, Lord Jehovah ! they say of me ; ' Doth he
not speak parables ? ' "

1 CHAP. XXI.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me,
2 saying, " Son of man, set thy face towards Jerusalem, and
speak towards the holy places, and prophesy against the land
of Israel. And say unto the land of Israel,

3 Thus saith Jehovah ;
Behold, I am against thee,
And I will draw forth my sword out of its sheath,

And will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.
 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and 4
 the wicked,

Therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath,
 Against all flesh, from the south to the north :
 That all flesh may know that I, Jehovah, have drawn forth 5
 my sword out of its sheath :

It shall not return any more.

Sigh therefore, thou son of man, 6
 With the breaking of thy loins ;
 And with bitterness, sigh before their eyes.
 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, ‘ Wherefore 7
 sighest thou ?’

That thou shalt answer, ‘ For the rumour ; because it
 cometh !’

And every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble,
 And every spirit shall faint,
 And all knees shall be weak as water.
 Behold, it cometh !

Yea, it shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, “ Son of s
 man, prophesy, and say,

Thus saith Jehovah ; 9
 Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and polished :
 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter ; 10
 It is polished that it may flash like lightning.
 Shall we then make mirth ?

It contemneth the sceptre of my son, as any *other* wood ;
 And it is given out to be polished, that it may be handled. 11

This sword is sharpened, and it is polished,
 That it may be given into the hand of the slayer.

Cry and howl, son of man ! 12
 For it shall be upon my people,
 It shall be upon all the princes of Israel :
 Terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people :
 Smite therefore upon thy thigh,
 Because *trial hath been made of it* ; 13
 And what if even the haughty sceptre shall be no more ?
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, 14
 And smite thy hands together,

- And let the sword be brought again the third time,
 The sword of slaughter !
 It is the sword of the great slaughter,
 Which besetteth them on every side.
- 15 That *their* heart may faint, and *their* overthrown be multiplied,
 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates.
 Ah ! it is made to flash, it is whirled about for the slaughter !
- 16 Form close rank, turn to the right,
 Dress the line, wheel to the left,
 Whithersoever thine edge is set.
- 17 I will also smite my hands together,
 And will cause my fury to rest :
 I, Jehovah, have spoken it.
- 18 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 19 Also, thou son of man, mark out for thyself two ways,
 By which the sword of the king of Babylon may come.
 Out of one land shall both of them come forth.
 And choose thou a place,
 Choose it at the head of the way to the city.
- 20 Mark out a way, that the sword may come towards Rabbah of the Ammonites,
 And *another* towards Judah, to Jerusalem the fortified city.
- 21 For the king of Babylon hath taken his stand at the parting of the way,
 At the head of the two ways, to use divination :
 He hath shaken together his arrows,
 He hath consulted with teraphim,
 He hath looked into the liver of *his sacrifice*.
- 22 In his right hand is the divination lot against Jerusalem,
 To place battering rams,
 To open the mouth with the war-cry, to lift up the voice with shouting ;
 To place battering rams against the gates,
 To cast up a mound, and to build a tower.
- 23 And it shall seem unto them as a false divination,
Even to them that have sworn oaths unto them.
 But he will call to remembrance the iniquity,
 That *they* may be taken.
- 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered,
 In that your transgressions are discovered,
 So that in all your doings your sins do appear ;
 Because ye have made yourselves to be remembered,
 Ye shall be taken with the hand.

And thou, profane, wicked prince of Israel, 25
 Whose day is come,

Even in the time of iniquity *that bringeth* destruction,
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 26

Remove the diadem, and take off the crown :

This *diadem* is no longer what it was.

Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.

I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, 27

And it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is ;

And *unto him* I will give it.

And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, 28

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah,

Concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their re-
 proach :

Even say thou, Sword, sword drawn out for slaughter !

Polished to consume, so that *thou* flashest brightly !

(Whilst they divine falsehood against thee,

Whilst they see deceitful visions against thee,) 29

That I may smite with thee the necks of the corpses of
 the wicked,

Whose day is come,

At the time when iniquity *bringeth* destruction.

Hath it been returned into its sheath ? 30

In the place where thou wast created,

In the land of thy nativity, I will judge thee ;

And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, 31

I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath,

And deliver thee into the hand of brutal men, skilful to
 destroy.

Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire, 32

Thy blood shall be in the midst of the land ;

Thou shalt be no more remembered :

For I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

CHAP. XXII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
 saying,

Now, thou son of man, wilt thou plead, 2

- Wilt thou plead for the bloody city?
 Nay, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.
- 3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
 The city sheddeth blood in the midst of her,
 That her time may come;
 And she maketh idols against herself, to defile herself.
- 4 Thou art become guilty, *O city*, by thy blood which thou
 hast shed,
 And hast defiled thyself by thine idols which thou hast
 made;
 And thou hast caused thy days to draw near,
 And art come even unto *the end of* thy years:
 Therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations,
 And a mocking to all countries.
- 5 The countries that are near, and those that are far from
 thee, shall mock thee,
O thou that art infamous *and* much troubled.
- 6 Behold, the princes of Israel, each with his band,
 Were in thee, *arrayed* to shed blood.
- 7 In thee have they despised father and mother:
 In the midst of thee have they dealt oppressively with the
 stranger:
 In thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.
- 8 Thou hast despised my holy things,
 And hast profaned my sabbaths.
- 9 In thee are men who carry tales to shed blood:
 And in thee *are* they *that* have eaten upon the moun-
 tains:
 In the midst of thee they commit lewdness.
- 10 In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness:
 In thee have they violated her that was set apart in her
 impurity.
- 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's
 wife;
 And another hath incestuously defiled his daughter-in-law;
 And another in thee hath violated his sister, his father's
 daughter.
- 12 In thee have they taken bribes to shed blood.
 Thou hast taken usury and increase,
 And thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by ex-
 tortion,
 And hast forgotten me, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 13 Behold, therefore, I have smitten my hands together

At thy dishonest gain which thou hast made,
And at thy blood which hath been *shed* in the midst of
thee.

Can the heart endure, or can the hands be strong, 14
In the days that I shall deal with thee?

I, Jehovah, have spoken it, and will do it.
And I will scatter thee among the nations, 15
And disperse thee in the countries,
And will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

And thou shalt give away the possession of thyself in the 16
sight of the heathen,
And thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying; 17

Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become alloy: 18
They are all brass, and tin, and iron, and lead,
In the midst of the furnace;
They are the alloy of silver.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Because ye are all become alloy, 19
Behold, therefore, I will gather you into the midst of Je-
rusalem.

As men gather silver, and brass, and iron, 20
And lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace,
To blow the fire upon it, to melt it,
So will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury,
And I will leave *you there*, and melt you.
Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you with the fire of 21
my wrath,

And ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.
As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, 22
So shall ye be melted in the midst thereof;
And ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have poured out my
fury upon you.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying; 23

Son of man, say unto her, 24
Thou art the land that is not cleansed,
Nor rained upon in the day of indignation.
There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof; 25
Like a roaring lion, ravening the prey,
They have devoured souls;

- They have taken *her* treasure and precious things ;
 They have made her many widows in the midst of her.
 26 Her priests have violated my law,
 And have profaned my holy things :
 They have made no difference between the holy and profane,
 Neither have they distinguished between the unclean and
 the clean ;
 And have hidden their eyes from my sabbaths,
 And I am profaned among them.
 27 Her princes in the midst of her are like wolves,
 Tearing the prey, shedding blood, and destroying souls,
 To get dishonest gain.
 28 And her prophets have daubed themselves with untempered
 mortar,
 Seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them,
 Saying, ' Thus saith the Lord Jehovah,'
 When Jehovah hath not spoken.
 29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised
 robbery,
 And have vexed the poor and needy :
 Yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.
 30 And I sought for a man among them, who should make up
 the hedge,
 And stand in the gap before me, for the land,
 That I should not destroy it : but I found none.
 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them ;
 I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath :
 Their own way have I recompensed upon their heads,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XXIII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto
 me, saying ;

- 2 Son of man, there were two women,
 Daughters of one mother :
 3 And they committed fornication in Egypt ;
 They committed fornication in their youth :
 There were their breasts pressed,
 And there men handled the paps of their virginity.
 4 And as for their names, the elder was Aholah,
 And her sister Aholibah ; and they became mine :
 And they bare sons and daughters.
 And as for their names, Aholah is Samaria,

And Aholibah is Jerusalem.

And Aholah committed fornication, though she was 5
mine ;

And she doted on her paramours, on the Assyrians her
neighbours,

Who were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, 6

All of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon
horses.

And she lavished her fornications upon them, 7

Upon all the chosen men of Assyria, and all on whom she
doted.

With all their idols she defiled herself.

Neither left she her fornications in Egypt : 8

For in her youth they lay with her,

And they handled the paps of her virginity,

And poured their fornication upon her.

Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her paramours, 9

Into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

These discovered her nakedness : 10

They took her sons and her daughters *captive*,

And they slew her with the sword :

And she became a name of *reproach* among women ;

For they executed judgment upon her.

And though her sister Aholibah saw this, 11

She was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she,

And in her fornications *exceeded* the fornications of her
sister.

She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbours, 12

Captains and rulers, clothed most gorgeously,

Horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young
men.

Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they took both one 13
way.

And she added to her fornications : 14

For she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall,

Images of Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,

Girded with girdles upon their loins, 15

Flaunting with tiaras upon their heads,

All of them in appearance, princes,

After the manner of the Babylonians *and* of Chaldea,

The land of their nativity :

And as soon as she cast her eyes upon them, 16

She doted upon them,

- And sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.
- 17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love,
And they defiled her with their fornication,
And she was polluted with them, till her soul was estranged from them.
- 18 And when she committed her fornications openly, and uncovered her nakedness,
My mind was alienated from her,
Even as my mind was alienated from her sister.
- 19 Yet she multiplied her fornications,
In calling to remembrance the days of her youth,
Wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.
- 20 For she doted upon their adulterers,
Whose flesh was as the flesh of asses,
And whose issue was like the issue of horses.
- 21 Now, since thou hast called to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth,
When thy paps were handled by the Egyptians,
On account of the breasts of thy youth,
- 22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Behold, I will raise up thy paramours against thee,
From whom thy soul is alienated:
And I will bring them against thee on every side;
- 23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans,
Chieftain, and rich man, and noble,
And all the Assyrians with them:
All of them desirable young men,
Captains and rulers, leaders and renowned,
All of them riding upon horses:
- 24 And they shall come against thee with armour, *with*
chariots, and wheels,
And with an assembly of people:
Buckler and shield and helmet,
They shall set against thee round about:
And I will permit them to judge *thee*,
And they shall judge thee according to their own judgments.
- 25 And I will set my jealousy against thee,
And they shall deal furiously with thee:
They shall cut off thy nose and thine ears;
And thy posterity shall fall by the sword:
They shall take thy sons and thy daughters;
And thy posterity shall be devoured by the fire.

They shall also strip thee of thy raiment, 26
And take away thy fair jewels.

Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, 27
And thy fornications, *brought* from the land of Egypt :
So that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them,
Nor remember Egypt any more.

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 28
Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of those whom
thou hatest,

Into the hand of those from whom thy soul is estranged :
And they shall deal with thee hatefully, 29
And shall take away all thy labour,
And shall leave thee naked and bare :
And the nakedness of thy fornications shall be discovered ;
And thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

I will do these things unto thee,
Because thou hast played the harlot among the heathen, 30
And because thou hast been defiled with their idols.
Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister ; 31
Therefore will I give her cup into thy hand.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 32
Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup, which is deep and
large :

Thou shalt be a laughing-stock and a derision ;
For it containeth much.
Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow. 33
A cup of astonishment and desolation,
Is the cup of thy sister Samaria :

Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, 34
And thou shalt lick the sherds thereof, and mangle thine
own breasts :

For I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 35
Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy
back,

Therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy fornications.

Jehovah said moreover unto me ; 36

Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah ?
Yea, declare unto them their abominations ;
That they have committed adultery, 37
And blood is on their hands ;

- And with their idols have they committed adultery ;
And have also caused their sons, whom they bore unto me,
To pass unto them through the fire, to be devoured.
- 38 Moreover this they have done unto me :
They have defiled my sanctuary in the same day,
And have profaned my sabbaths.
- 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols,
Then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane
it ;
And, behold, thus have they done in the midst of my
house.
- 40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from
far,
Unto whom a messenger was sent ; and, lo, they came :
For whom thou didst wash thyself, and paint thine eyes,
And deck thyself with ornaments ;
- 41 And thou didst sit upon a stately bed,
And a table was prepared before it,
Whereupon thou didst set mine incense and mine oil.
- 42 And a voice of a great company at ease was with her :
And together with men of the common sort were brought
Sabæans from the wilderness,
Who put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns
upon their heads.
- 43 Then said I concerning her that was old in adulteries,
Will they now commit fornications with her, even *with*
her ?
- 44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman
that playeth the harlot :
So went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd
women.
- 45 Therefore righteous men shall judge them
According to the judgment of adulteresses,
And according to the judgment of women that shed
blood ;
Because they are adulteresses, and blood is on their
hands.
- 46 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
I will bring up a company upon them,
And will give them to be removed and spoiled.
- 47 And the company shall stone them with stones,
And despatch them with their swords ;
They shall slay their sons and their daughters,
And burn up their houses with fire.

Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, 48
That all women may be taught not to do after your lewd-
ness.

And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, 49
And ye shall bear the sins of your idols:
And ye shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

CHAP. XXIV.—And in the ninth year, in the tenth 1
month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of Jehovah
came unto me, saying, “Son of man, write thee the name of 2
the day, even of this very day: the king of Babylon hath
drawn near to Jerusalem this very day. And utter a para- 3
ble unto the rebellious house, and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Set on a caldron, set it on,
And also pour water into it:
Gather the pieces thereof into it,
Even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder;
Fill it with the choice bones.
Take the choice of the flock, 5
And *make* a burning pile of bones beneath it,
And make it to boil well,
And let them seethe the bones of it therein.

Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 6
Woe to the bloody city!
To the rusty caldron, whose rust goeth not out of it!
Bring it out, piece by piece;
Let no lot be cast upon it.
For the blood which she hath shed is in the midst of her; 7
She hath set it upon the top of a rock;
She hath not poured it upon the ground, that it might
be covered with earth.

To excite my fury to take vengeance, 8
I have set her blood which she hath shed upon the top
of a rock,
That it should not be covered.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 9
Woe to the bloody city!
I will even make the pile for fire great.
Heap on wood, kindle the fire, 10
Boil down the flesh, and spice it well;
And let the bones be burned.
Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, 11

- That its brass may be hot, and may burn,
 And that its filthiness may be molten in it,
 That its rust may be wasted away.
- 12 It hath wearied *me* with toil,
 And its thick rust hath not gone forth out of it :
 Its rust *remaineth* in the fire.
- 13 In thy filthiness is lewdness :
 Because I would have cleansed thee,
 And thou wouldst not be cleansed,
 Thou shalt not be cleansed from thy filthiness any more,
 Till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.
- 14 I, Jehovah, have spoken it :
 It shall come to pass, for I will do it.
 I will not go back, nor spare, nor repent ;
 According to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shalt
 thou be judged,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 15 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying ;
- 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the delight
 of thine eyes, with a stroke :
 Yet thou shalt not mourn nor weep,
 Neither shall thy tears run down.
- 17 Sigh thou in silence,
 Make no mourning for the dead ;
 Bind thy turban upon thee,
 And put on thy shoes upon thy feet,
 And cover not *thy* beard, nor eat the bread of *other* men.

- 18 So I spake unto the people in the morning : and at even
 my wife died. And I did in the morning as I was commanded.
- 19 And the people said unto me, " Wilt thou not tell us what
 these things *signify* to us, that thou doest ? " Then I an-
- 20 swered them, " The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
- 21 Speak unto the house of Israel,

- Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Behold I will profane my sanctuary,
 The pride of your strength, the delight of your eyes,
 And the longing of your soul ;
 And your sons and your daughters whom ye have forsaken
 shall fall by the sword.
- 22 And ye shall do as I have done :

Ye shall not cover your beard, nor eat the bread of *other* men.

And your turbans shall be upon your head, and your shoes 23
upon your feet :

Ye shall not mourn nor weep ;

But ye shall pine away for your iniquities,

And mourn one towards another.

Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign :

24

According to all that he hath done shall ye do :

And when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord
Jehovah.

Also, thou son of man, shall it not be,

25

In the day when I take from them their strength,

The joy of their glory, the delight of their eyes,

And that whereupon they set their minds, *with* their sons
and their daughters,

That he who escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, 26

To cause *thee* to hear it with *thine* ears ?

In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him that is 27
escaped,

And thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb :

And thou shalt be a sign unto them ;

And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

CHAP. XXV.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
saying, “ Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, 2
and prophesy against them ; and say unto the Ammonites ; 3

Hear the word of the Lord Jehovah !

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Because thou saidst, ‘ Aha ! ’ against my sanctuary, when
it was profaned,

And against the land of Israel, when it was desolate,

And against the house of Judah, when they went into
captivity ;

Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the sons of the east 4
for a possession ;

And they shall set their huts in thee, and make their
dwellings in thee :

They shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels,

5

And the *city of the* Ammonites a couching-place for flocks :

And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

6 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because thou hast clapped thy hands,
And stamped with thy feet, and rejoiced in heart,
With all thy despise, against the land of Israel ;
7 Behold, therefore, I will stretch out my hand upon thee,
And will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations ;
And I will cut thee off from the people,
And I will cause thee to perish out of the countries :
I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am
Jehovah.

8 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because that Moab and Seir say,
' Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the nations ;'
9 Therefore, behold, I will strip the side of Moab of the
cities ;
Of his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the
country,
Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim.
10 Unto the sons of the east I will give it in possession, with
the Ammonites :
That the Ammonites may not be remembered among the
nations.
11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab ;
And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

12 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by
taking vengeance,
And hath greatly offended, and avenged himself upon them ;
13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
I will also stretch out my hand upon Edom,
And will cut off man and beast from it ;
And I will make it desolate from Teman,
And as far as Dedan they shall fall by the sword.
14 And I will inflict my vengeance upon Edom
By the hand of my people Israel :
And they shall do in Edom according to my anger and
according to my fury ;
And they shall feel my vengeance, saith the Lord Je-
hovah.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge,
And have taken vengeance with a spiteful heart,

Destroying for the old hatred ;
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 16
 Behold, I will stretch out my hand upon the Philistines,
 And I will cut off the Cherethites,
 And destroy the remnant of the sea-coast.
 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with 17
 furious rebukes ;
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah,
 When I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAP. XXVI.—And it came to pass in the eleventh 1
 year, on the first day of the month, that the word of Jehovah
 came unto me, saying ;

Son of man, because Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, 2
 ‘ Aha !
 She is broken, that was the gateway of the nations ;
 All is transferred to me ;
 I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste ! ’
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 3
 Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre,
 And will cause many nations to come up against thee,
 As the sea causeth its waves to come up.
 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, 4
 And break down her towers :
 I will also scrape her earth from her,
 And make her like the dry surface of a rock.
 She shall be *a place* for the spreading of nets, in the midst 5
 of the sea :
 For I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.
 And she shall become a spoil to the nations ;
 And her daughters who are in the field shall be slain by 6
 the sword ;
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah.
 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 7
 Behold, I will bring upon Tyre, Nebuchadrezzar king of
 Babylon,
 A king of kings, from the north,
 With horses, and with chariots,
 And with horsemen, and a great company of people.
 Thy daughters in the field he shall slay with the sword : 8
 And he shall set a tower against thee,
 And cast up a mound against thee,
 And lift up the buckler against thee.

- 9 And his battering-rams he shall set against thy walls,
And with his crow-bars he shall break down thy towers.
- 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall
cover thee :
Thy walls shall shake down at the noise of the horsemen,
And of the wheels, and of the chariots,
When he shall enter into thy gates,
As men enter into a city wherein a breach is made.
- 11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy
streets :
He shall slay thy people with the sword,
And the idol of thy strength shall fall to the ground.
- 12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches,
And make a prey of thy merchandise :
And they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy
pleasant houses :
And they shall lay thy stones, and thy timber, and thy soil,
In the midst of the water.
- 13 And I will cause the sound of thy songs to cease ;
And the music of thy harps shall be no more heard ;
- 14 And I will make thee like the dry surface of a rock.
Thou shalt be *a place* to spread nets upon ;
Thou shalt never be rebuilt :
For I, Jehovah, have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to Tyre ;
At the sound of thy fall, at the cry of the wounded,
At the slaughter of the slain in the midst of thee,
Shall not the isles shake *with* terror ?
- 16 Yea, all the princes of the sea shall come down from their
thrones,
And cast aside their robes, and put off their embroidered
garments :
They shall clothe themselves with trembling,
And sit upon the ground, and tremble every moment,
And be astonished at thee.
- 17 And they shall utter a lamentation for thee,
And say to thee, How art thou destroyed,
That wast more populous than the seas !
The renowned city,
Which was strong in the sea,
She and her inhabitants,
Who struck terror into all that dwelt near her !
- 18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall ;

Yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 When I shall make thee a desolate city,
 Like the cities that are not inhabited ;
 When I shall bring up the deep upon thee,
 And great waters shall cover thee ;
 When I shall bring thee down to them that have descended
 into the pit,
 To the people of old time ;
 And shall cause thee to dwell in the lower parts of the
 earth,
 In places desolate of old,
 With them that have gone down to the pit,
 That thou be not inhabited,
 Nor be established in the land of the living ;
 I will make thee a terrible warning,
 And thou shalt be no more :
 Though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found
 again,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

CHAP. XXVII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto
 me, saying, “Now, thou son of man, take up a lamentation
 for Tyre ; and say unto Tyre ;

O thou that didst sit at the entrance of the sea,
 That didst traffic for the nations unto many isles,
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 O Tyre, thou hast said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’
 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas ;
 Thy builders have perfected thy beauty ;
 Of cypresses from Senir they have made all thy planks ;
 Cedars from Lebanon they have taken to make masts for
 thee ;
 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars ;
 They have made thy benches of ivory, inlaid in box-wood,
 Brought out of the isles of the Chittæans.
 Fine linen, with embroidered work from Egypt,
 Thou didst spread forth to be thy sail ;
 Blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was thine
 awning.
 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy rowers :

- Thy wise men, O Tyre, that were in thee, were thy pilots.
 9 The ancients of Gebal and wise men thereof were in thee
 as thy calkers :
 All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee,
 To traffic with thy merchandise.
- 10 They of Persia, and of Lud, and of Phut, were thy warriors
 in thine army :
 They hung the shield and helmet in thee ;
 They gave *thee* thy splendour.
- 11 The men of Arvad were in thine army upon thy walls
 round about,
 And the valiant warriors were in thy towers.
 They hung their shields upon thy walls round about ;
 They made thy beauty perfect.
- 12 Tarshish trafficked with thee,
 By reason of the multitude of all kind of wares ;
 Silver, iron, tin, and lead, they brought to thy fairs.
- 13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, dealt with thee :
 They brought the persons of men, and vessels of brass, to
 thy market.
- 14 They of the house of Togarmah brought to thy fairs
 Horses, and fleet steeds, and mules.
- 15 The men of Dedan dealt with thee ;
 Many isles were the marts of thy handy-work :
 They gave thee as thy payment, horns, ivory, and
 ebony.
- 16 Syria trafficked with thee,
 By reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making :
 Carbuncles, purple, and embroidered work,
 And fine linen, and coral, and rubies,
 They brought to thy fairs.
- 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, dealt with thee :
 Wheat of Minnith, and sweet-meats, and syrup,
 And oil, and balm, they brought to thy markets.
- 18 Damascus trafficked with thee,
 On account of the multitude of the wares of thy making,
 For the multitude of all riches ;
 In the wine of Helbon, and in white wool.
- 19 Vedan and Javan brought thread into thy fairs :
 Bright iron, cassia, and sweet cane, were in thy market.
- 20 Dedan trafficked with thee in precious cloths for chariots.
- 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they traded with
 thee,

In lambs, and rams, and goats ;
 In these they trafficked with thee.
 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, dealt with thee : 22
 They brought to thy fairs the chief of all spices,
 And all precious stones, and gold.
 Haran, and Caneh, and Eden, 23
 The merchants of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad, dealt with
 thee :
 These dealt with thee in gorgeous raiment, 24
 In vestments of blue, and embroidered work,
 And in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords,
 And made of cedar, in thy markets.
 The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for traffic : 25
 And thou wast replenished, and made very glorious
 In the midst of the seas.
 The rowers have brought thee into deep waters : 26
 The cast wind hath shattered thee in the midst of the seas.
 Thy wares, and thy fairs, thy markets, 27
 Thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers,
 And the traders in thy markets, and all thy warriors, that
 are in thee,
 And in all thy company which is in the midst of thee,
 Shall fall into the midst of the seas, in the day of thy
 downfall.
 At the sound of the cry of thy pilots, 28
 Thy suburbs shall shake.
 And all that handle the oar shall disembark from their 29
 ships ;
 The mariners and all the pilots of the sea shall stand upon
 the land,
 And shall cause their voice to be heard on account of 30
 thee,
 And shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their
 heads ;
 They shall wallow in ashes :
 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, 31
 And shall gird themselves with sackcloth ;
 And they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and
 bitter wailing ;
 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for 32
 thee,
 And lament over thee, saying,
 'What *city* is like Tyre,

- Like her that is destroyed in the midst of the sea?'
- 33 When thy wares came forth from the seas,
Thou suppliedst many nations with the multitude of thy
riches ;
And out of thy merchandise, thou didst enrich the kings
of the earth.
- 34 Now art thou shattered by the seas ;
Thy merchandise, and all thy company in the midst of
thee,
Have fallen into the depths of the waters.
- 35 All the inhabitants of the isles are astonished at thee,
And their kings are sore afraid ;
They are troubled in their countenance.
- 36 The merchants among the nations shall hiss at thee ;
Thou shalt be a terrible warning,
And never shalt thou be any more.

1 CHAP. XXVIII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto
2 me, saying, "Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre ;

- Thus saith the Lord Jehovah,
Because thy heart is lifted up, and thou hast said,
'I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of
the seas ;'
And though thou art a man, and not God,
Yet thou settest thy heart as the heart of God.
- 3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel !
There is no secret that can be hidden from thee !
- 4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast
gotten thee riches,
And hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures !
- 5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffic thou hast in-
creased thy riches !
And thy heart is lifted up because of thy riches.
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because thou hast set thy heart as the heart of God,
7 Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers upon thee,
The terrible of the nations :
And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of
thy wisdom,
And they shall defile thy brightness.
- 8 They shall bring thee down to the pit,

And thou shalt die the death of them that are slain in
the midst of the seas.

Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, 'I am a
God?'

But thou shalt be a man, and no God,

In the hand of him that slayeth thee.

Thou shalt die the death of the uncircumcised, 10

By the hand of strangers:

For I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me saying, "Son of man, lift up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say 11
unto him; 12

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;

Thou art a signet curiously engraved,

Full of skilful work, and perfect in beauty.

In Eden, the garden of God, thou wast; 13

Every precious stone was thy covering;

The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond,

The chrysolite, the onyx, and the jasper,

The sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle:

And of gold was the workmanship of thy bezel,

And of thy jewel-holes within thee;

They were set in order the day that thou wast formed.

Thou wast an outspread covering cherub; 14

And I placed thee upon the holy mountain of God:

Thou didst walk up and down, in the midst of the sparkling
gems.

Thou wast prosperous in thy ways, 15

From the day that thou wast formed,

Till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise thou art filled with 16
violence,

And thou hast sinned:

Therefore I will cast thee as profane, out of the mountain of
God:

And I will destroy thee, covering cherub, from the midst of
the sparkling gems.

Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, 17

Thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy bright-
ness.

I will cast thee to the ground ;
 I will lay thee before kings, that they may look upon thee.
 18 By the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy
 traffic,
 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries :
 Therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee,
 which shall devour thee,
 And I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth,
 In the sight of all them that look upon thee.
 19 All that know thee among the nations shall be astonished
 at thee :
 Thou shalt be a terrible warning,
 And never shalt thou be any more.

20 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, " Son of
 21 man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,
 22 and say ;

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon ;
 And I will be glorified in the midst of thee.
 And men shall know that I am Jehovah,
 When I shall have executed judgments upon her,
 And shall be sanctified in her.
 23 For I will send pestilence into her,
 And blood into her streets ;
 And the wounded shall fall in the midst of her,
 By the sword which is against her on every side ;
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah.
 24 And there shall be no more, unto the house of Israel,
 A pricking brier nor any grieving thorn,
 Of all their contemnors round about them ;
 And they shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.
 25 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 When I shall have gathered the house of Israel
 From the nations among whom they are scattered,
 And shall be sanctified in them, in the sight of the
 heathen,
 Then shall they dwell in their land,
 Which I have given unto my servant Jacob.
 26 And they shall dwell safely therein,
 And shall build houses, and plant vineyards ;
 Yea, they shall dwell securely,

When I have executed judgments upon all those that
despise them round about them ;
And they shall know that I, Jehovah, am their God.

CHAP. XXIX. In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on 1
the twelfth day of the month, the word of Jehovah came
unto me, saying, " Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh 2
king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all
Egypt : Speak and say ; 3

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt,
The great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers,
Which hath said, ' My river is mine own, and I have made
it for myself.'
But I will put hooks in thy jaws, 4
And I will cause the fish of thy rivers to cleave unto thy
scales ;
And I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers,
And all the fish of thy rivers shall cleave unto thy scales.
And I will fling thee into the wilderness, 5
Thee, and all the fish of thy rivers.
Thou shalt fall upon the open fields ;
Thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered :
To the beasts of the field, and to the fowls of the heaven,
I have given thee for food.
And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am 6
Jehovah :
Because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
When they took hold of thee by thy hand, 7
Thou didst break, and tear all their shoulder :
And when they leaned upon thee, thou wast crushed,
And didst strain all their loins.
Therefore, thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 8
Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee,
And cut off man and beast out of thee.
And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste ; 9
And they shall know that I am Jehovah :
Because he hath said, ' The river is mine, and I have
made it.'
Behold, therefore, I am against thee, and against thy rivers, 10
And I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and
desolate.

From Migdol to Syene, even unto the border of Cush.

- 11 No foot of man shall pass through it,
Nor shall foot of beast pass through it,
Neither shall it be inhabited, for forty years.

- 12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate,
In the midst of the countries that are desolate :
And her cities, among the cities that are laid waste,
Shall be desolate forty years :

And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations,
And will disperse them through the countries.

- 13 Yet thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians
From the nations whither they were scattered :

- 14 And I will bring back the captivity of Egypt,
And will cause them to return into the land of Pathros,
Into the land of their origin ;
And they shall be there a mean kingdom.

- 15 It shall be the meanest of the kingdoms ;
Neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations :
For I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over
the nations.

- 16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel,
Which bringeth to *my* remembrance their iniquity
In looking *for help* to them :
But they shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

- 17 And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first
month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Jeho-
vah came unto me, saying ;

- 18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused
his army
To perform a great service against Tyre :
Every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled :
Yet had he no wages, *he* nor his army, for Tyre,
For the service that he had performed against it.

- 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon ;

And he shall take its multitude, and take its spoil, and
take its prey ;

And it shall be the wages for his army.

- 20 I have given him the land of Egypt

For his labour wherewith he served against it,
 Because they wrought for me, saith the Lord Jehovah.
 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to 21
 sprout ;
 And I will give thee freedom of speech in the midst of
 them ;
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

CHAP. XXX.—And the word of Jehovah came unto me, 1
 saying, “ Son of man, prophesy and say ;

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 2
 Howl ye, ‘ Woe worth the day ! ’
 For the day is near, yea, the day of Jehovah is near ; 3
 A day of clouds shall the time of the nations be.
 For the sword shall come upon Egypt, 4
 And great pain shall be in Cush,
 When the slain shall fall in Egypt,
 And they shall take away her multitude,
 And her foundations shall be broken down.
 Cush, and Phut, and Lud, and all Arabia, 5
 And Chub, and the men of the allied countries,
 Shall fall with them by the sword.

Thus saith Jehovah ; 6
 They also that uphold Egypt shall fall ;
 And the pride of her power shall come down :
 From Migdol to Syene shall they fall in it by the sword,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.
 And they shall be desolate among the countries that are 7
 desolate,
 And her cities shall be among the cities that are wasted.
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah, 8
 When I have brought a fire upon Egypt,
 And when all her helpers shall be destroyed.
 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships 9
 To make careless Cush afraid ;
 And great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of
 Egypt :
 For, lo, it cometh.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 10
 I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease,
 By the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.
 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, 11

- Shall be brought to destroy the land :
And they shall draw their swords against Egypt,
And fill the land with the slain.
- 12 And I will make the rivers dry,
And sell the land into the hand of cruel men :
And I will make the land waste, and all that is therein,
By the hand of strangers :
I, Jehovah, have spoken it.
- 13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
I will also destroy the idols,
And I will cause the images to cease out of Noph ;
And there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt :
And I will bring fear upon the land of Egypt.
- 14 And I will make Pathros desolate,
And will bring a fire upon Zoan,
And will execute judgments upon No.
- 15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt ;
And I will cut off the multitude of No.
- 16 And I will bring a fire upon Egypt :
Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be broken up,
And Noph shall be blockaded in the day-time.
- 17 The young men of On and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword :
And their women shall go into captivity.
- 18 At Tahpanes also the day shall be darkened,
When I shall break there the yokes of Egypt :
And the pomp of her strength shall cease in her :
As for her, a cloud shall cover her,
And her daughters shall go into captivity.
- 19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt :
And they shall know that I am Jehovah.
- 20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying ;
- 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt ;
And, lo, it shall not be bound up so as to apply medications ;
Nor shall it be swathed with a bandage,
To make it strong to hold the sword.
- 22 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt ;
 And I will break his arms,
 The strong one, and that which was broken ;
 And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.
 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, 23
 And will disperse them through the countries.
 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, 24
 And put my sword into his hand :
 But I will break the arms of Pharaoh,
 And he shall groan before him with the groanings of a
 man wounded unto death,
 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, 25
 And the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down ;
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah,
 When I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of
 Babylon,
 And he shall stretch it out over the land of Egypt.
 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, 26
 And disperse them among the countries ;
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

CHAP. XXXI.—And it came to pass in the eleventh 1
 year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, that
 the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, “Son of man, 2
 speak concerning Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his mul-
 titude ;

Unto whom art thou like, in thy greatness ?
 Behold there was a stately cedar in Lebanon, with fair 3
 branches,
 A shady thicket of lofty stature ;
 And its top was among the thick boughs.
 The waters made it great, the deep made it high, 4
 Their streams ran around its plantation,
 And sent out their little rills unto all the trees of the field.
 Therefore its height was exalted above all the trees of the 5
 field,
 And its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became
 long,
 Because of the abundance of waters, when it shot forth.
 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in its boughs, 6
 And under its branches did all the beasts of the field bring
 forth their young,

And under its shadow dwelt all great nations.

- 7 Thus was it fair in its greatness, in the length of its branches :

For its root was by great waters.

- 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it :
The cypresses were not like its boughs,
Nor were the chestnut trees like its branches ;
Neither was any tree in the garden of God like unto it
in its beauty.

- 9 I made it beautiful by the multitude of its branches :
So that all the trees of Eden envied it,
Which were in the garden of God.

- 10 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because it was lofty in stature,
And shot up its top among the thick boughs,
And its heart was lifted up on account of its loftiness,
11 Therefore I have delivered it into the hands of the mighty
one of the nations ;

He shall deal hardly with him :

For its wickedness I have uprooted it.

- 12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations,
Have cut it off, and have cast it away :
Upon the mountains and in all the valleys its branches are
fallen,
And its boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land ;
And all the people of the earth are gone away from its
shadow,
And have left it.

- 13 Upon its ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven alight,
And all the beasts of the field shall be upon its
branches :

- 14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters may
exalt themselves for their stature,
Neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs ;
So that none of the trees that drink water
May stand beside them in respect of their height.
For they are all delivered unto death,
To the lower parts of the earth,
In the midst of the children of men,
Unto them that have gone down to the pit.

- 15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
In the day when he went down to the grave
I caused the deep to mourn : I covered it for him,

And I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters
were stayed :

And I clothed Lebanon in black for him,
And all the trees of the field fainted for him.
At the sound of his fall I made the nations to quake, 16
When I brought him down to the grave,
To them that are gone down into the pit :

And all the trees of Eden,
The choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water,
Were comforted in the lower parts of the earth.
They also went down into the grave with him, 17
Unto them that were slain with the sword ;
Even they that were his arm ;
That dwelt under his shadow among the nations.

To whom art thou thus like, 18
In glory and in greatness, among the trees of Eden ?
Yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden
Unto the lower parts of the earth :
Thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised,
With them that are slain by the sword.

Thus shall it be with Pharaoh, and all his multitude,
Saith the Lord Jehovah.

CHAP. XXXII.—And it came to pass in the twelfth 1
year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, that
the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, “ Son of man,
lift up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say 2
unto him ;

Thou art like a young lion of the nations,
Yea thou art as a dragon in the seas :
And thou camest forth into thy rivers,
And troubledst the waters with thy feet,
And didst disturb their rivers.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 3
I will therefore spread out my net over thee,
Amidst an assembly of many nations ;
And they shall draw thee up in my net.

Then will I leave thee upon the land, 4
I will cast thee forth upon the open field,
And will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon
thee :

And I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

- 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains,
And fill the valleys with thy heaps.
- 6 I will also water with thy blood the land whercin thou
swimmest, even to the mountains;
And the streams shall be full of thee.
- 7 And I will cover the heavens when I quench thee,
And make the stars thereof dark;
I will cover the sun with a cloud,
And the moon shall not give her light.
- 8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dim over thee,
And set darkness upon thy land,
Saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 9 I will also vex the hearts of many people,
When I shall bring thy captives among the nations,
Into the countries which thou hast not known.
- 10 Yea, because of thee will I make many people amazed,
And their kings shall be horribly afraid because of thee,
When I shall brandish my sword before them;
And they shall tremble at every moment,
Each for his own life, in the day of thy fall.
- 11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.
- 12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude
to fall,
The terrible of the nations, all of them:
And they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt,
And all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.
- 13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof, from beside the
great waters;
Neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more,
Nor shall the hoofs of beasts trouble them.
- 14 Then will I make their waters clear,
And cause their rivers to run like oil,
Saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate,
And the country shall be destitute of that whereof it
was full;
When I shall smite all them that dwell therein,
Then shall they know that I am Jehovah:
- 16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her:
The daughters of the nations shall lament her:
They shall lament for her, even for Egypt,
And for all her multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.

It came to pass also in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth 17
day of the month, that the word of Jehovah came unto me,
saying ;

Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast 18
it down,

Herself, and the daughters of the famous nations,
Unto the lower regions of the earth,
To them that go down into the pit.

Whom dost thou excel in beauty? 19

Go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised,
In the midst of them that fall slain by the sword.

The sword hath been permitted *to slay*: 20

Drag her away and all her multitudes.

The strongest among the mighty shall speak to him, 21

Out of the midst of the pit, with them that help him :

For they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain
by the sword.

There is Assyria and all her company : 22

Her graves are round about her :

All of them slain, fallen by the sword,

Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit ; 23

And her company is round about her grave,

All of them are slain, fallen by the sword,

They that caused terror in the land of the living.

There is Elam and all her multitude round about her 24
grave,

All of them slain, fallen by the sword ;

For they are gone down, uncircumcised, into the nether
parts of the earth ;

They that caused their terror in the land of the living ;

Yet have they borne their shame with them that go down
to the pit.

In the midst of the slain they have set her a bed, with all 25
her multitude :

Her graves are round about her :

All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword :

Though they caused terror in the land of the living,

Yet have they borne their shame with them that go down
to the pit :

They are laid in the midst of the slain.

There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude : 26

Their graves are round about them :

- All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword,
 Though they caused terror in the land of the living.
- 27 Shall they not lie with the mighty of the uncircumcised
 that are fallen,
 Who are gone down to the pit with their weapons of war,
 And have laid their swords under their heads?
 But their iniquities shall be upon their bones,
 Though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of
 the living.
- 28 Yea thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised,
 And shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword.
- 29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes,
 Who with their might are laid by them that were slain by
 the sword:
 They shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that
 go down to the pit.
- 30 There are the princes of the north, all of them,
 And all the Zidonians, who are gone down with the slain.
 Notwithstanding the terror of their might, they are put to
 shame;
 And they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the
 sword,
 And bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.
- 31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all
 his multitude;
 Even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 32 Though I spread the terror of him in the land of the living:
 Yet he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised,
 With them that are slain with the sword;
 Even Pharaoh and all his multitude,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. XXXIII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto
 2 me, saying, “Son of man speak to the children of thy people,
 and say unto them;

- When I bring the sword upon a land,
 If the people of the land take a man of their borders,
 And set him for their watchman:
- 3 If, when he seeth the sword come upon the land,
 He blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
- 4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and
 taketh not warning,

If the sword come, and take him away,
His blood shall be upon his own head.
He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning ; 5
His blood shall be upon him ;
But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.
But if the watchman see the sword come, 6
And blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned ;
If the sword come, and take any person from among them,
He is taken away in his iniquity ;
But his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

So thou, O son of man ! 7
I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel ;
Therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth,
And warn them from me.
When I say unto the wicked, 'O wicked man, thou shalt surely die ;'
If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way,
That wicked man shall die in his iniquity ;
But his blood will I require at thy hand.
Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way, to 9
turn from it ;
If he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity ;
But thou hast delivered thy soul.

And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Israel ; 10

Thus have ye spoken, saying,
'Our transgressions and our sins are upon us,
And through them we pine away ;
How shall we then live ?'

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, 11
I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked ;
But that the wicked turn from his way and live :
Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways ;
For why will ye die, O house of Israel ?

Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy 12
people ;

The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him
in the day of his transgression :
As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall there-
by in the day that he turneth from his wickedness ;

Neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness, in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live,

If he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity,

All his righteousnesses shall not be remembered ;

But for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, 'Thou shalt surely die ;'

If he turn from his sin

And do that which is lawful and right ;

15 If the wicked restore the pledge,

Give again that he had robbed,

Walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity ;

He shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him :

He hath done that which is lawful and right ;

He shall surely live.

17 Yet the children of thy people say,

'The way of the Lord is not equal ;'

But as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness,

And committeth iniquity,

He shall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness,

And do that which is lawful and right,

He shall live thereby.

20 Yet ye say, 'The way of the Lord is not equal.'

O ye house of Israel,

I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, that one that

22 had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, "The city is smitten." Now the hand of Jehovah had been upon me

in the evening before he that was escaped came ; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning ; so

23 my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. Then the

24 word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, "Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying,

‘Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.’ Wherefore say unto them,

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Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
 Ye eat with the blood,
 And lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood:
 And shall ye possess the land?
 Ye rely upon your sword,
 Ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour’s wife:
 And shall ye possess the land?
 Say thou thus unto them,
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
 As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword,
 And him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured,
 And they that are in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.
 For I will lay the land utterly desolate,
 And the pomp of her strength shall cease;
 And the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.
 Then shall they know that I am Jehovah,
 When I have laid the land utterly desolate,
 Because of all their abominations which they have committed.

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Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee,
 By the walls, and in the doors of the houses;
 And they speak one to another, every one to his brother, Saying, ‘Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from Jehovah.’
 And they come unto thee as the people cometh,
 And they sit before thee as my people,
 And they hear thy words, but they will not do them:
 For with their mouth they show much love,
 But their heart goeth after their covetousness.
 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song
 Of one that hath a pleasant voice,
 And can play well on an instrument:
 For they hear thy words but they do them not.

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33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) Then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

1 CHAP. XXXIV.—And the word of Jehovah came unto
2 me, saying, “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto the shepherds;

Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves!
Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool;
Ye kill the stall-fed, *but* ye feed not the flock.

4 The weak ye have not strengthened,
Neither have ye healed that which was sick,
And that which was wounded ye have not bound up,
And that which was driven away ye have not brought back,
And that which was lost ye have not sought;
But with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd:
And they became food for all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill:

Yea, my flock was scattered over all the face of the land,
And none did search or seek *after them*.

7 Therefore ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah!

8 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah,
Surely because my flock became a prey,
And my flock became food for every beast of the field,
Because there was no shepherd,
Neither did my shepherds search for my flock,
But the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah!

10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Behold, I am against the shepherds,
And I will require my flock at their hand,
And cause them to cease from feeding the flock;
Neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more;
For I will deliver my flock from their mouth,
That they may not be food for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah;
Behold, I, even I, will both search for my sheep,

And diligently look after them.
As a shepherd looketh diligently after his flock, 12
In the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered;
So will I look diligently after my sheep,
And will deliver them out of all places where they have
 been scattered,
In the day of clouds and of thick darkness.
And I will bring them out from the people, and gather 13
 them from the countries,
And will bring them to their own land, and feed them
 upon the mountains of Israel,
In the valleys and in all the dwelling-places of the land.
I will feed them in a good pasture, 14
And upon the lofty mountains of Israel shall be their fold:
There shall they lie in a good fold,
And in a fat pasture shall they feed, upon the mountains
 of Israel.
I will feed my flock, 15
And I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord
 Jehovah.
I will seek that which was lost, 16
And bring back that which was driven away;
And I will bind up that which was wounded,
And will strengthen that which was sick:
And I will preserve the fat and the strong;
I will feed them with justice.
And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord Jehovah; 17
Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle,
Between the rams and the he-goats.
Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the 18
 good pasture,
But ye must tread down with your feet the residue of
 your pastures?
And to have drunk of the clear waters,
But ye must foul the residue with your feet?
And that my flock eat that which ye have trodden with 19
 your feet,
And drink that which ye have fouled with your feet?
Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto them; 20
Behold I, even I, will judge between the fat and the lean
 of the flock.
Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, 21
And have pushed all the diseased with your horns,

- Till ye have scattered them abroad ;
 Therefore will I save my flock,
 22 And they shall no more be a prey ;
 And I will judge between cattle and cattle.
 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall
 feed them,
 Even my servant David ;
 He shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
 24 And I, Jehovah, will be their God,
 And my servant David a prince among them ;
 I, Jehovah, have spoken it.
 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace,
 And will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land :
 And they shall dwell safely in the wilderness,
 And sleep in the forests.
 26 And I will make them and the places round about my
 hill a blessing ;
 And I will cause the shower to come down in its season ;
 Showers of blessings shall there be.
 27 And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit,
 And the earth shall yield her increase ;
 And they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that
 I am Jehovah,
 When I have broken the bands of their yoke,
 And delivered them out of the hand of those who had
 enslaved them.
 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen,
 Neither shall the wild beast devour them ;
 But they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them
 afraid.
 29 And I will raise up for them a plantation of renown,
 And they shall be no more consumed with hunger in
 the land,
 Neither shall they bear the reproach of the heathen any
 more.
 30 Then shall they know that I, Jehovah their God, am with
 them,
 And that they, even the house of Israel, are my people,
 saith the Lord Jehovah.
 31 For ye, my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men ;
 And I, Jehovah, am your God, saith the Lord Jehovah.

saying, "Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and a prophesy against it, and say unto it;

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 3
 Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee,
 And I will stretch out my hand against thee,
 And I will make thee utterly desolate.
 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate ; 4
 And thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.
 Because thou hast borne a perpetual hatred, 5
 And hast shed *the blood of* the sons of Israel by the
 sword,
 In the time of their calamity, in the time that iniquity
 brought destruction :
 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, 6
 I will bring thee to blood, and blood shall pursue thee :
 Since thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue
 thee.
 Thus will I make mount Seir utterly desolate, 7
 And will cut off from it him that passeth out and him
 that returneth.
 And I will fill its mountains with its own slain : 8
 In thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers,
 Shall they fall, slain with the sword.
 I will make thee a perpetual desolation, 9
 And thy cities shall not be rebuilt,
 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
 Because thou hast said, 10
 'These two nations and these two countries shall be
 mine,
 And we will possess it ; though Jehovah be there :'
 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, 11
 I will even do according to thine anger,
 And according to thine envy which thou hast used out of
 thy hatred against them ;
 And I will make myself known among them, when I
 have judged thee.
 And thou shalt know that I, Jehovah, have heard all thy 12
 blasphemies,
 Which thou hast spoken against the mountains of
 Israel,
 Saying, 'They are laid desolate, they are given us to
 consume.'

- 13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me,
And have multiplied your words against me :
I have heard them.
- 14 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.
- 15 As thou didst rejoice over the inheritance of the house of Israel,
Because it was desolate,
So will I do unto thee :
Thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir,
And all Idumea, even all of it :
And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

CHAP. XXXVI.—“Also, thou son of man, prophesy
1 unto the mountains of Israel, and say ;

- Ye mountains of Israel, hear the words of Jehovah !
- 2 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because the enemy hath said against you,
‘Aha, even the ancient high places have become our possession :’
- 3 Therefore prophesy and say,
Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed
you up on every side,
That ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen,
And ye are become a proverb in the lips of talkers,
And a scoff among the people :
- 4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah !
Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains, and to the hills,
To the rivers, and to the valleys,
To the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken,
Which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about ;
- 5 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen,
And against all them of Idumea,

Who have allotted my land unto themselves for a possession,

With the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds,
To cast it out for a prey.

Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Israel, 6
And say unto the mountains, and to the hills,

To the rivers, and to the valleys,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

Behold I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury,
Because ye have borne the reproach of the heathen :

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 7

I have lifted up my hand ;

Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear
their own reproach.

But as for you, O ye mountains of Israel, 8

Ye shall shoot forth your branches,

And yield your fruit to my people of Israel ;

For their arrival draweth nigh.

For behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, 9

And ye shall be tilled and sown :

And I will multiply men upon you, 10

All the house of Israel, even all of it :

And the cities shall be inhabited,

And the wastes shall be builded :

And I will multiply upon you man and beast ; 11

And they shall increase and be fruitful :

And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your olden
time,

And will do better *unto you* than in your former days :

And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, 12

Even my people Israel ;

And they shall possess thee, *O land !* and thou shalt be
their inheritance,

And thou shalt no more henceforth leave them childless.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 13

Because they say unto thee, 'Thou devourest up men,

And leavest thy nations childless,'

Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, 14

Neither leave thy nations childless any more, saith the
Lord Jehovah.

Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the reproach of 15
the heathen any more,

Neither shalt thou bear the scoffing of the people any more,
 Neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more,
 saith the Lord Jehovah.

16 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land,
 They defiled it by their own way and by their doings :
 Their way was before me as the defilement of a woman
 in her uncleanness.

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them,
 For the blood which they had shed upon the land,
 And *because* they had polluted it with their idols.
 19 And I scattered them among the nations,
 And they were dispersed through the countries :
 According to their way and according to their doings I
 judged them.

20 And when they came among the nations whither they went,
 They profaned my holy name ;
 When men said of them,
 ' These are the people of Jehovah,
 And they are gone forth out of his land.'

21 But I have taken pity, for the sake of my name,
 Which the house of Israel have profaned,
 Among the nations whither they are gone.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Not for your sakes, do I this, O house of Israel,
 But for the sake of my holy name,
 Which ye have profaned among the nations whither ye are gone.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the nations,
 Which ye have profaned in the midst of them ;
 And the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, saith the Lord Jehovah,
 When I shall be sanctified by means of you before their eyes.

24 For I will take you from among the nations,
 And gather you out of all countries,
 And I will bring you into your own land.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall 25
be clean :

From all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I
cleanse you.

A new heart also will I give unto you, 26

And a new spirit will I put within you :

And I will take away the heart of stone out of your flesh,

And I will give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, 27

And cause you to walk in my statutes,

And ye shall keep my precepts, and do them.

And ye shall dwell in the land which I gave to your 28
fathers ;

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

I will also save you from all your defilements : 29

And I will call for the corn, and will increase it,

And I will bring no famine upon you.

And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the in- 30
crease of the field ;

That ye may receive no more the reproach of famine
among the nations.

Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, 31

And your doings which were not good ;

And ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight,

For your iniquities and for your abominations.

Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord Jehovah, 32

Be it known unto you.

Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house 33
of Israel !

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your
iniquities,

I will also cause you to dwell in the cities,

And the wastes shall be builded.

And the desolate land shall be tilled, 34

Whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

And they shall say, 35

‘ This land which was desolate is become like the garden
of Eden ;

And the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fenced,
and inhabited.’

Then the nations that are left round about you 36

Shall know that I, Jehovah, have built up that which
was ruined.

And planted that which was desolate :
I, Jehovah, have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;

I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel,
To do it for them ;
I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the holy flock, as the flock at Jerusalem in her solemn
feasts,

So shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men :
And they shall know that I am Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XXXVII.—The hand of Jehovah was upon me,
and Jehovah carried me out in the spirit, and set me down in
2 the midst of a valley which was full of bones, and caused
me to pass by them round about : and, behold, there were
3 very many on the surface of the valley ; and, behold, they
were very dry. And he said unto me, “ Son of man, can
these bones live ? ” And I answered, “ O Lord Jehovah, thou
4 knowest. ” And he said unto me, “ Prophecy over these bones
and say unto them ;

O ye dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah !

5 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto these bones ;

Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall
live :

6 And I will put sinews upon you,
And will cause flesh to come upon you ;
And I will cover you with skin,
And put breath into you, and ye shall live ;
And ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded : and as I prophesied,
there was a noise, and, behold, a shaking, and the bones came
8 together, bone to its *fellow*-bone. And when I looked, behold
the sinews and the flesh had come upon them, and the skin
9 covered them above : but there was no breath in them. Then
said he unto me, “ Prophecy unto the breath ; prophecy, son
of man, and say unto the breath ;

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah :

Come from the four winds, O breath,
And breathe upon these slain, that they may live !

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came

into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great host. Then he said unto me; 11

Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel : Behold, they say, ' Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost :

As for us, we are cut off.'

Therefore prophesy and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 12

Behold, O my people, I will open your graves,

And cause you to come up out of your graves,

And bring you into the land of Israel.

And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, 13

When I have opened your graves, O my people,

And brought you up out of your graves,

And I will put my spirit within you and ye shall live, 14

And I will place you in your own land :

Then shall ye know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it,

And have performed it, saith Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, " Thou 15 son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, ' For Judah, and for the children of Israel, his companions : ' then take another stick, and write upon it, ' For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions : ' And join them one to another into one stick ; and they shall 17 become one in thy hand. And when the children of thy 18 people shall speak unto thee, saying, ' Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these ? ' Say unto them, ' Thus saith 19 the Lord Jehovah ; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.' And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy 20 hand before their eyes. And say unto them ;

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 21

Behold, I will take the children of Israel, from among the nations whither they are gone,

And I will gather them on every side,

And will bring them into their own land :

And I will make them one nation in the land, upon the 22 mountains of Israel ;

- And one king shall be king to them all :
 And they shall no more be two nations,
 Neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any
 more :
 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their
 idols,
 Nor with their detestable things,
 Nor with any of their transgressions :
 But I will save them out of all their dwelling-places,
 wherein they have sinned,
 And I will cleanse them :
 So shall they be my people, and I will be their God.
 24 And David my servant shall be king over them ;
 And they all shall have one shepherd :
 They shall also walk in my judgments,
 25 And observe my statutes, and do them.
 And they shall dwell in the land which I gave unto Jacob my
 servant,
 Wherein your fathers dwelt ;
 And they shall dwell therein, they and their children,
 And their children's children for ever :
 And my servant David shall be their prince for ever.
 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them ;
 It shall be an everlasting covenant with them :
 And I will establish them, and multiply them,
 And I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for
 evermore.
 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them :
 Yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 28 And the nations shall know that I, Jehovah, do sanctify
 Israel,
 When my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for
 evermore.

1 CHAP. XXXVIII.—And the word of Jehovah came unto
 2 me, saying, “ Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of the
 land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal ;
 3 and prophesy against him. And say ;

- Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Behold, I am against thee, O Gog,
 The prince of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal :
 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws,

And I will bring thee forth, thee and all thine army,
 Horses and horsemen, all of them clothed gorgeously,
 Even a great company with bucklers and shields,
 All of them handling swords :
 Persia, Cush, and Phut with them; 5
 All of them with shield and helmet :
 Gomer, and all his bands ; 6
 The house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his
 bands :
 And many tribes of people with thee.
 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, 7
 Thou, and all thy company that are gathered unto thee,
 And be thou a guard unto them.
 After many days thou shalt be invested with command ; 8
 In the latter years thou shalt come into a land that is
 rescued from the sword,
 And is gathered out of many nations,
 Upon the mountains of Israel, which have long been
 desolate :
 But it is brought forth out of the nations,
 And they shall dwell safely, all of them.
 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, 9
 Thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land,
 Thou, and all thy bands,
 And many people with thee.
 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 10
 It shall also come to pass, at the same time that things
 shall come into thy mind,
 And thou shalt think an evil thought :
 And thou shalt say, 'I will go up to the land of open
 villages ;
 I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely,
 All of them dwelling without walls, and having neither
 bars nor gates,
 To take a spoil, and to seize a prey ; 12
 To turn my hand upon the desolate places that are now
 inhabited,
 And upon the people that are gathered out of the nations,
 Possessing cattle and goods,
 Dwelling on the heights of the land.'
 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, 13
 With all the towns thereof, shall say unto thee,
 'Art thou come to take a spoil ?

Hast thou gathered thy company to seize a prey ?
 To carry away silver and gold,
 To carry off cattle and goods,
 To take a great spoil ?'

14 Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say unto Gog,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth securely,
 Shalt thou not observe it ?

15 Yea, thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts,
 Thou, and many tribes of people with thee,
 All of them riding upon horses,
 A great company, and a mighty host.

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel,
 As a cloud to cover the land ;
 It shall be in the latter days that I will bring thee against
 my land,
 That the heathen may know me,
 When I shall be sanctified by means of thee, before their
 eyes, O Gog.

17 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time,
 By my servants the prophets of Israel,
 Who prophesied in those days *and* years,
 That I would bring thee against them ?

18 And it shall come to pass, at the same time,
 When Gog shall come against the land of Israel,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah,
 That my fury shall come up in my face :

19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I
 spoken.

Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the
 land of Israel ;

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the
 heaven,

And the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that
 creep upon the earth,

And all the men that are upon the face of the earth,
 Shall shake at my presence ;

And the mountains shall be thrown down,

And the steep places shall fall,

And every wall shall fall to the ground.

And I will call for a sword against him, 21
 Throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord Jehovah :
 Every man's sword shall be against his brother.
 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with 22
 blood ;
 And I will rain upon him, and upon his bands,
 And upon the many people that are with him, an over-
 flowing rain,
 And great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself, 23
 And I will be known in the eyes of many nations ;
 And they shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

CHAP. XXXIX.—“Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say,

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ;
 Behold, I am against thee, O Gog,
 Prince of Rosh, of Meshech, and of Tubal :
 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of 2
 thee ;
 And I will cause thee to come up from the north parts,
 And will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel :
 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, 3
 And will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
 Thou shalt fall, upon the mountains of Israel, 4
 Thou, and all thy bands,
 And the people that is with thee.
 I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every kind,
 And to the beasts of the field to be devoured.
 Thou shalt fall upon the open field : 5
 For I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.
 And I will send a fire on Magog, 6
 And among them that dwell carelessly in the isles :
 And they shall know that I am Jehovah.
 So will I make my holy name known 7
 In the midst of my people Israel ;
 And I will not let them pollute my holy name any
 more :
 And the nations shall know that I am Jehovah,
 The Holy One in Israel.
 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord s
 Jehovah ;

This is the day whereof I have spoken.

- 9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth,
And shall set on fire and burn the weapons,
Both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the
arrows,

And the hand-staves and the spears ;
And they shall burn them with fire seven years.

- 10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field,
Neither cut down any out of the forest ;
For they shall burn the weapons with fire :
And they shall spoil those that spoiled them,
And rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 11 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will give unto Gog a place there,
A burying-place in Israel,
The valley of the passengers on the east of the sea :
And it shall stop the *way* of the passengers :
And there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude :
And they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog, [THE
MULTITUDE OF GOG.]

- 12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of
them,

That they may cleanse the land.

- 13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them ;
And it shall be to them a renown,
In the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord
Jehovah.

- 14 And they shall set apart men to be continually employed,
Passing through the land,
To bury with the *help of the* passengers, those that re-
main

Upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it.

After the end of seven months shall they search ;

- 15 And *of* the passengers that pass through the land,
When any seeth a man's bone,
Then shall he set up a sign by it,
Till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-
gog.

- 16 And also the name of a city shall be Hamonah, [MUL-
TITUDE.]

Thus shall they cleanse the land.

- 17 And as for thee, son of man, thus saith the Lord
Jehovah ;

Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field,

Assemble yourselves, and come !

Gather yourselves on every side, to my sacrifice,

Which I am about to sacrifice for you ;

A great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel,

That ye may eat flesh and drink blood.

Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, 18

And drink the blood of the princes of the earth ;

Of rams, of lambs, and of goats,

Of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, 19

And drink blood till ye be drunken,

Of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

Thus shall ye be filled at my table, 20

With steeds and chariot-horses,

With mighty men and with all men of war, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And I will set my glory among the nations, 21

And all the nations shall see my judgments which I have executed,

And my hand which I have laid upon them. 22

So the house of Israel shall know that I am Jehovah their God,

From that day and forwards.

And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went 23
into captivity for their iniquity,

Because they trespassed against me :

Therefore hid I my face from them,

And gave them into the hand of their enemies :

So fell they all by the sword.

According to their uncleanness and according to their 24
transgressions have I done unto them,

And hidden my face from them.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 25

Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob,

And have mercy upon the whole house of Israel,

And will be jealous for my holy name ;

And they shall forget their reproach, 26

And all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed
against me,

When they shall dwell securely in their land,

And none shall make them afraid :

- 27 When I shall have brought them again from the people,
 And gathered them out of their enemies' lands,
 And shall be sanctified by means of them,
 In the sight of many nations ;
 28 Then shall they know that I, Jehovah, am their God,
 In that I caused them to be led into captivity among the
 nations,
 And in that I have gathered them unto their own land,
 And have left none of them any more there.
 29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them :
 For I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel,
 saith the Lord Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XL.—In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in
 the first month of the year, on the tenth day of the month,
 in the fourteenth year after that in which the city was
 sacked, in the self-same day the hand of Jehovah was upon
 2 me, and he brought me thither. In the visions of God he
 brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very
 high mountain, on the southern part of which was, as it were,
 3 the fabric of a city. And he brought me thither, and, be-
 hold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appear-
 ance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measur-
 4 ing reed ; and he stood in the gate. And the man said unto
 me, “ Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with
 thine ears, and attend carefully to all that I shall shew thee :
 for, to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee, art thou
 brought hither : *and* declare all that thou seest to the house
 of Israel.”

5 And, behold, a wall was on the outside of the house round
 about : and in the man's hand, a measuring reed of six cubits,
each cubit of the length of a cubit and a hand-breadth : and
 he measured the breadth of the wall, one reed ; and the height,
 6 one reed. Then came he unto the gate which looketh towards
 the east, and went up the steps thereof, and measured the
upper threshold of the gate, one reed broad ; and the other
 7 threshold one reed broad. And each chamber was one reed
 long, and one reed broad ; and between the chambers were
 five cubits ; but the threshold of the gate, by the porch of the
 8 gate within, was one reed. He measured also the porch
 9 of the gate within, one reed. Then he measured the porch
 of the gate, eight cubits ; and the projections thereof, two cu-
 10 bits : now the porch of the gate was inward. And the cham-

bers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; all the three had one measure: and the projections had one measure on this side and on that side. And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits. The space also before the chambers was one cubit *on this side*, and the space was one cubit on that side: and the chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. Then he measured the gate, from the roof of one chamber to the roof of another: the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door. He made also the *range of* projections, to be three-score cubits, *in length*: and close by the projections of the gate was the court round about. And from the front of the gate of the entrance unto the front of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits. And there were latticed windows to the chambers, and to their projections within the gate round about; and likewise to the arches: and windows were round about inward: and upon each projection were palm trees.

And he brought me into the outer court: and, behold, there were rooms, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty rooms were upon the pavement. And the pavement towards the side of the gates, over against the length of the gates, was the lower pavement. Then he measured the breadth, from the front of the lower gate unto the front of the inner court without, a hundred cubits towards the east and towards the north.

And the gate of the outer court which looked towards the north, he measured in the length thereof, and in the breadth thereof. And the chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the projections thereof and the friezes thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. And their windows, and their friezes, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh towards the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the friezes thereof were before them. And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate towards the north, and towards the east; and he measured from gate to gate, a hundred cubits.

Then he brought me towards the south, and, behold, a gate towards the south: and he measured the columns thereof, and the friezes thereof, according to these measures. And there were windows in it, and in the friezes thereof round about,

like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the
 26 breadth five and twenty cubits. And there were seven steps
 to go up to it, and the friezes thereof were before them: and
 it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side,
 27 upon the projections thereof. And there was a gate in the
 inner court towards the south: and he measured from gate
 to gate, towards the south, a hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate:
 and he measured the south gate according to these measures.
 29 And the chambers thereof, and the projections thereof, and
 the friezes thereof, were according to these measures: and
 there were windows in it, and in the friezes thereof round
 about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.
 30 And the friezes round about were five and twenty cubits long,
 31 and five cubits broad. And the friezes thereof were towards
 the outer court; and palm trees were upon the projections
 thereof: and the ascent to it was by eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court towards the east:
 33 and he measured the gate according to these measures. And
 the chambers thereof, and the projections thereof, and the
 friezes thereof, were according to these measures: and there
 were windows therein, and in the friezes thereof round about:
 it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.
 34 And the friezes thereof were towards the outward court; and
 palm trees were upon the projections thereof, on this side and
 on that side: and the ascent to it was by eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it
 36 according to these measures. The chambers thereof, the pro-
 jections thereof, and the friezes thereof, and the windows to
 it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth
 37 five and twenty cubits. And the projections thereof were to-
 wards the outer court; and palm trees were upon the projec-
 tions thereof, on this side and on that side: and the ascent
 38 to it was by eight steps.

And there was a room with the door thereof by the projec-
 tions of the gates; there they washed the burnt-offering.
 39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side,
 and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offe-
 40 ing, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering. And at
 the side without, as one goeth up to the entrance of the
 north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which
 41 was at the porch of the gate, were two tables. Four tables
 were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of

the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*. And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt-offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice. And hooks, of a hand breadth, were fastened in the house round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

And he brought me to the inner gate; and, behold, there were two rooms in the inner court; one on the side of the north gate, and its prospect was towards the south: one on the side of the south gate having the prospect towards the north. And he said unto me, "This room, whose prospect is towards the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. And the room whose prospect is towards the north, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who, among the sons of Levi, come near to Jehovah to minister unto him." So he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, square-shaped; and the altar was before the house.

And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured the projections of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side. The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and by ten steps they went up to it: and there were columns by the projections, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAP. XLII.—And he brought me to the temple, and measured the projections, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle. And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits. Then he went inwards, and measured the projection at the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits. And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, as the front of the temple: and he said unto me, "This is the most holy place." And he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of the side-chambers, four cubits, round about the house on every side. And the

chambers, chamber over chamber *in three stories*, and thirty
 in *each of* the rows; and they entered into the wall which
 was by the house, *built* for the chambers round about, that
 they might be fastened; but they were not fastened in the wall
 7 of the house. And there was an enlargement, and a wind-
 ing *ascent*, still upwards, to the chambers: for the winding
 ascent of the house went still upwards, round about the house:
 therefore the breadth of the apartments was still upwards;
 and thus they ascended from the lowest *chambers* to the
 8 highest, by the middle story. I saw also the height of the
 house round about: the foundations of the chambers were a
 9 full reed of six cubits to the knuckles. The thickness of
 the wall, which was for the chambers without, was five
 cubits: and *the space* which was left was the place of
 10 the chambers which *adjoined* the house. And between the
 rooms was the width of twenty cubits round about the house
 11 on every side. And the doors of the chambers were towards
 the vacant space, one door towards the north, and another
 door towards the south: and the breadth of the place that
 12 was left vacant was five cubits round about. And the build-
 ing which was before the separate place at the end towards
 the west, was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the
 building was five cubits thick round about, and the length
 13 thereof was ninety cubits. And he measured the length of
 the house, a hundred cubits; and the length of the separate
 place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred
 14 cubits; also the breadth of the front of the house, and of
 15 the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits. And
 he measured the length of the building over against the se-
 parate place which was behind it, and the side-buildings
 thereof, on the one side and on the other side, a hundred
 cubits: and the inner temple, and the porches of the court,
 16 the door posts, and the latticed windows, and the side-build-
 ings round about, in their three stories, over against the door,
 were pannelled with wood round about, even *from* the ground
 17 up to the windows, (and the windows were covered;) as far as
 the top of the door, both upon the inner and the outer apart-
 ment, and by all the wall round about, within and without, were
 18 cloth hangings. And it was made with cherubim and palm
 trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub;
 19 and every cherub had two faces; so that the human face
 was towards the palm tree on the one side, and the young
 lion's face towards the palm tree on the other side: *so it was*

made through all the house round about. From the ground 20 as far as the top of the door were cherubim and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple. The posts of the 21 temple were squared, and the front of the sanctuary; the appearance of *the one* was as the appearance of *the other*.

The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and the length 22 thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the base thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, "This is the table that standeth before Jehovah." And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. And the 23 doors had two leaves apiece, two folding leaves; two *leaves* 24 for the one door, and two leaves for the other door. And 25 there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, such as were made upon the walls; and there was a flight of steps in front of the porch without. And the windows were closed; and there were palm trees on 26 the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and the chambers of the house, and the flight of steps.

CHAP. XLII.—Then he brought me forth into the outer 1 court, towards the north: and he brought me into the rooms which were over against the separate place, and which were before the building towards the north. The length was a 2 hundred cubits towards the north gate, and the breadth was fifty cubits. Over against the twenty *cubits* of the inner 3 court, and over against the pavement of the outer court, was side-building against side-building, in three stories. And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits in breadth inward, and of one hundred cubits in length; and their doors were towards the north. Now the upper chambers were narrower 5 than the lower, and than the middlemost of the building; for the *lower* side-chambers exceeded them in *width*. For 6 they were in three *stories*, but *the upper chambers* had not columns as the columns of the courts: therefore *the upper building* was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground. And the boundary wall that was 7 without over against the chambers, towards the outer court in front of the chambers, was in length fifty cubits. For 8 the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and of those before the temple, a hundred cubits. And under these chambers was the entrance on the east side, 9 as one came to them from the outer court.

In the thickness of the boundary wall of the court towards 10

the south, over against the separate place, and over against
 11 the building, were chambers. And there was a way before
 them like that which was *before* the chambers which were
 towards the north. They were as long as they, and as broad
 as they ; and they were alike in all their goings out, and in their
 12 fashions, and in their doors. And according to the doors of
 the chambers that were towards the *north, were the doors of*
the chambers that were towards the south : there was a door at
 the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall
 towards the east, as one entered into them.

13 And he said unto me, "The north chambers and the
 south chambers, which are before the separate place, are holy
 chambers, where the priests who approach unto Jehovah
 shall eat the most holy things : there shall they lay the most
 holy things, and the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the
 14 trespass-offering ; for the place is holy. When the priests
 enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place
 into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments
 wherein they minister ; for they are holy ; and shall put on
 other garments, and shall approach to the place which is for
 the people."

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner
 house, he brought me forth towards the gate whose prospect
 16 is towards the east, and measured it round about. He measured
 the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with
 17 the measuring reed round about. He measured the north side,
 five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.
 18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the
 19 measuring reed. He turned about to the west side, and
 measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. He
 20 measured it by the four sides : it had a wall round about,
 five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a
 separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

1 CHAP. XLIII.—And he brought me to the gate, even
 2 the gate that looketh towards the east : and, behold, the glory
 of the God of Israel came from the way of the east : and it
 was like the sound of many waters : and the earth shone with
 3 his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the
 vision which I saw, even according to the vision which I saw
 when I came to destroy the city : and it was a vision like the
 vision that I saw by the river Chebar ; and I fell upon my face.

And the glory of Jehovah came into the house, by the way 4
of the gate whose prospect is towards the east. And the spirit 5
took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, be-
hold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house. And I heard one 6
speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by
me. And he said unto me;

“Son of man, *this is* the place of my throne,
And the place of the soles of my feet, 7
Where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel
for ever.

The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name;
Neither they, nor their kings,
By their fornication, and by the dead bodies of their kings,
And by their high places:
By setting their thresholds close to my thresholds, 8
And their door-posts by my door-posts,
So that there was only a wall between me and them.
They even defiled my holy name
By their abominations which they committed:
Wherefore I consumed them in mine anger.
Now let them put away their fornication, 9
And the dead bodies of their kings, far from me,
And I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

As for thee, O son of man, shew the house to the house 10
of Israel,
That they may be ashamed of their iniquities:
And let them measure the pattern.
And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, 11
Shew unto them the form of the house, and the fashion
thereof,
And the outward passages thereof, and the entrances
thereof,
And all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof,
And all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight,
That they may keep the whole form thereof,
And all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

“This is the law of the house. Upon the top of the 12
mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most
holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

“And these are the measures of the altar by cubits; the 13

- cubit being a cubit and a hand breadth. The cavity shall be a cubit *deep* and a cubit broad ; and the border thereof round about shall be a span : and the upper surface of the altar
- 14 shall be the same. And from the cavity upon the ground even to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit ; and from the lesser ledge even to the greater
- 15 ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit. So the altar shall be four cubits ; and from the altar upwards *shall*
- 16 *rise* four horns. And the altar shall be twelve *cubits* long, 17 twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof. And the ledge shall be fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen broad in the four sides thereof ; and the border about it shall be half a cubit ; and the cavity thereof shall be a cubit about ; and its steps shall look towards the east."
- 18 And he said unto me, "Son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; These are the ordinances of the altar, in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon,
- 19 and to sprinkle blood thereon. And thou shalt give to the priests, the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok, who approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord Jehovah,
- 20 a young bullock for a sin-offering. And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border round
- 21 about : thus shalt thou cleanse and purify it. Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin-offering, and it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.
- 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish, for a sin-offering ; and they shall cleanse the
- 23 altar, as they cleansed it with the bullock. When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram of the flock without blemish.
- 24 And thou shalt offer them before Jehovah, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a
- 25 burnt-offering unto Jehovah. Seven days shalt thou sacrifice every day a goat for a sin-offering : they shall also sacrifice a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.
- 26 Seven days shall they purify the altar and cleanse it ; and 27 they shall consecrate themselves. And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forwards, the priests shall sacrifice your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings ; and I will accept you, saith the Lord Jehovah."

CHAP. XLIV.—And he brought me back towards the ¹ gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh towards the east; and it was shut. Then said Jehovah unto me; “This ² gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. It is for the prince. ³ The prince shall sit in it to eat bread before Jehovah; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.”

Then he brought me towards the north gate before the ⁴ house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled Jehovah’s house: and I fell upon my face. And Jehovah said ⁵ unto me, “Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Jehovah, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entrances to the house, with all the passages from the sanctuary outwards. And thou ⁶ shalt say to the rebellious *house*, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, in that ye have ⁷ brought into my sanctuary strangers uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood; and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. And ye have not kept the charge of my holy ⁸ things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

“Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; No stranger uncircumcised ⁹ in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel. And the Levites who departed far from me, when Israel went ¹⁰ astray, who went astray away from me after their idols, they shall even bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers ¹¹ in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. Because they ministered ¹² unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, saith the Lord Jehovah, and they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near unto me, to do ¹³ the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their

- shame, and their abominations which they have committed.
- 14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.
- 15 “But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me, to minister unto me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat
- 16 and the blood, saith the Lord Jehovah. They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to
- 17 minister unto me; and they shall keep my charge. And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the
- 18 gates of the inner court, and farther in. They shall have linen tiaras upon their heads, and they shall have linen drawers upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with
- 19 any thing that causeth sweat. And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers; and they shall put on other garments; that they may not sanctify the people with their garments.
- 20 They shall neither shave their heads, nor suffer their
- 21 locks to grow long; they shall only clip their heads. Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner
- 22 court. Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor a woman that hath been divorced: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that
- 23 had a priest before. And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to
- 24 discern between the unclean and the clean. And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my
- 25 sabbaths. And they shall approach no dead person, to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath no husband, they
- 26 may defile themselves. And after *a priest* is cleansed, they
- 27 shall reckon unto him seven days. And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord
- 28 Jehovah. And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession

in Israel: I am their possession. They shall eat the meal- 29 offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. And the first 30 of all the firstfruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all *kinds* of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priests': ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house. The 31 priests shall not eat of any thing that hath died of itself, or hath been torn; whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAP. XLV.—“And when ye shall divide by lot the land 1 for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto Jehovah, a holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand *cubits*, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about. Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five 2 hundred *in length*, by five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the surrounding space thereof. And of this measure shalt thou measure the length 3 of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, the most holy place. The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests, the 4 ministers of the sanctuary, who shall come near to minister unto Jehovah: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

“And the five and twenty thousand in length, and the ten 5 thousand in breadth, shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, for a possession unto them of cities to dwell in.

“And ye shall appoint the possession of the city, five thou- 6 sand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

“And *portions shall be* for the prince on the one side and on 7 the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against *each* one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border. As for the land it shall be his posses- 8 sion in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes. Thus saith the Lord 9 Jehovah; let it suffice you, O princes of Israel! Remove

violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice; take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord Jehovah.

10 "Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just
11 bath. The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the ephah the tenth part of a homer; the measure thereof shall
12 be after the homer. And the shekel shall be twenty beans: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 "This is the heave-offering that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah out of a homer of wheat, and the sixth
14 part of an ephah out of a homer of barley. As for the ordinance concerning oil, the bath of oil, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is a homer of ten baths;
15 for ten baths are a homer. And of the flock, *ye shall offer* one lamb out of two hundred, out of the watered pastures of Israel, for the meal-offering, and for the burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord
16 Jehovah. All the people of the land shall give this oblation
17 for the prince in Israel. And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt-offerings, and meal-offerings, and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meal-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

18 "Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; In the first *month*, on the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without
19 blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary: and the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. And
20 so thou shalt do on the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye reconcile the house. In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven
22 days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. And upon that day shall the prince sacrifice, for himself and for all the people of
23 the land, a bullock for a sin-offering. And seven days of the feast he shall sacrifice a burnt-offering to Jehovah, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish, daily the seven days;
24 and a kid of the goats daily for a sin-offering. And he shall sacrifice a meal-offering of an ephah with a bullock, and an

ephah with a ram, and a hin of oil with *each* ephah. In the 25 seventh *month*, on the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meal-offering, and according to the oil.

CHAP. XLVI.—“Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; The gate 1 of the inner court that looketh towards the east shall be shut on the six working days ; but on the sabbath it shall be opened ; and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that 2 gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate ; and the priest shall sacrifice his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings ; and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate : then he shall go forth ; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. Likewise the people of the land shall worship 3 at the door of this gate before Jehovah on the sabbaths and the new moons. And the burnt-offering that the prince shall 4 offer unto Jehovah on the sabbath-day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish. And the meal- 5 offering shall be an ephah with a ram, and the meal-offering with the lambs as he shall be inclined to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. And in the day of the new moon it shall 6 be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram : they shall be without blemish. And he shall sacrifice 7 a meal-offering, an ephah with a bullock, and an ephah with a ram ; and with the lambs according as he shall have at hand ; and a hin of oil to an ephah. And when the prince shall 8 enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

“But when the people of the land shall come before Jeho- 9 vah in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship, shall go out by the way of the south gate ; and he that entereth by way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate : he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it. And the prince shall go in, in the midst of 10 them, when they go in, and shall go forth, when they go forth. And in the feasts and in the solemnities, the meal-offering 11 shall be an ephah with a bullock, and an ephah with a ram, and with the lambs as he is inclined to give ; and a hin of oil to an ephah. Now when the prince shall sacrifice a vo- 12 luntary burnt-offering, or peace-offerings voluntarily, unto

Jehovah, the gate that looketh towards the east shall be opened for him ; and he shall sacrifice his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he did on the sabbath-day : then he shall go forth ;
 13 and after his departure the gate shall be shut. Thou shalt daily offer a burnt-offering unto Jehovah of a lamb of the first year without blemish : thou shalt sacrifice it every morn-
 14 ing. And thou shalt sacrifice a meal-offering with it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and a third part of a hin of oil, to mingle with the fine flour ; a meal-offering, con-
 15 tinually, by a perpetual ordinance unto Jehovah. Thus shall they sacrifice the lamb and the meal-offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt-offering.

16 “Thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; If the prince give a gift to any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall belong to his
 17 sons ; it shall be their possession by inheritance. But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his till the year of liberty ; afterwards it shall return to the prince : but his inheritance given unto his sons shall
 18 be theirs. Moreover the prince shall not take of the people’s inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession ; but he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession : that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.”

19 And he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked towards the north : and, behold, there was a place in
 20 the hinder part westward. Then said he unto me, “This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meal-offering ; that they bear them not out into the utter court, to sanctify the people.”

21 And he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court ; and, behold, in
 22 every corner of the court there was a court. In the four corners of the court there were courts joined, of forty *cubits* long and thirty broad : these four corners were of one mea-
 23 sure. And there was a row *of building* round about in them, round about the four, and it was made with boiling places
 24 under the rows round about. And said he unto me, “These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.”

1 CHAP. XLVII.—And he brought me again unto the door

of the house, and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the front of the house stood towards the east: and the waters came down from beneath, from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then he brought me out by the way of the gate 2 northward, and led me about by the outer way, unto the outer gate of the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man who 3 had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ancles. Again he measured a thou- 4 sand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterwards he 5 measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. And he said unto me 6 "Son of man, hast thou seen this?" Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now 7 when I had returned, behold, by the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then 8 said he unto me, "These waters issue out towards the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the *Dead Sea*: and when they are brought forth into the sea, the waters thereof shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing 9 that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand beside it 10 from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; there shall be a spreading forth of nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the Great Sea, exceeding many. But the miry 11 places thereof and the pits thereof shall not be healed; they shall be appointed for salt. And by the river, upon the bank 12 thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for food, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: they shall bring forth new fruit every month, because their waters issue out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah; This shall be the border, 13

whereby ye shall inherit the land, according to the twelve tribes of Israel : Joseph shall have two portions. And ye shall inherit it, every man alike ; concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it unto your fathers : and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. And this shall be the border of the land towards the north side, from the Great Sea, nigh unto Hethlon, as men go to Zedad ; Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath ; Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enon, *on* the border of Damascus, and the northern Zaphon, and the border of Hamath. And this is the north side. And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel by Jordan, from the border unto the Eastern Sea. And this is the east side. And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the Waters of Meribah in Kadesh, to the river *which runneth* into the Great Sea. And this is the south side southward. The west side also shall be the Great Sea from the border, till a man come over against the way to Hamath. This is the west side. So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, who shall beget children among you : and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel ; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that in whatsoever tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord Jehovah.

1 CHAP. XLVIII.—And these are the names of the tribes. From the north end in the direction towards Hethlon as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enon, *on* the border of Damascus northward, to the border of Hamath ; from the eastern side even to the western, shall be his ; Dan, one *tribe*. And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side. 2 Asher, one *tribe*. And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, Naphtali, one *tribe*. And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, Manasseh, one *tribe*. And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, Ephraim, one *tribe*. 3 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto

the west side, Reuben, one *tribe*. And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, Judah, one *tribe*.

And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the oblation which ye shall offer, of five and twenty thousand *cubits* in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. The oblation that ye shall offer unto Jehovah shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth. And unto them, even unto the priests, shall this holy oblation belong; towards the north five and twenty thousand in length, and towards the west ten thousand in breadth, and towards the east ten thousand in breadth, and towards the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of Jehovah shall be in the midst thereof. It shall be for the priests that are sanctified, of the sons of Zadok, who have kept my charge; who went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. And this oblation of the land that is offered, shall be unto them a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites. And over against the border of the priests, the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. And they shall not sell any of it, neither shall they exchange, or alienate the first-fruits of the land: for it is holy unto Jehovah.

And the five thousand that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be common land, for the city, for habitations, and for pasture lands: and the city shall be in the midst thereof. And these shall be the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. And the pasture lands of the city shall be towards the north two hundred and fifty, and towards the south two hundred and fifty, and towards the east two hundred and fifty, and towards the west two hundred and fifty.

And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy portion; and the produce thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city. And they that serve the city

20 shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel. All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the possession of the city.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation towards the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand towards the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the
22 midst thereof. Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the
24 west side, Benjamin one *tribe*. And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon one
25 *tribe*. And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto
26 the west side, Issachar one *tribe*. And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun one
27 *tribe*. And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side
28 unto the west side, Gad one *tribe*. And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the Waters of Meribah in Kadesh, and to
29 the river towards the Great Sea. This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord Jehovah.

30 And these are the roads leading from the city on the north
31 side; four thousand and five hundred measures. And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate
32 of Judah, one gate of Levi. And on the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan. And on the
33 south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one
34 gate of Zebulun. On the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate
35 of Asher, one gate of Naphtali. Its whole circuit shall be eighteen thousand *measures*; and the name of the city from that day shall be, Jehovah-shammah [JEHOVAH IS THERE].

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

CHAP. I.—In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, ¹ king of Judah, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim, ² king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: and he carried them into the land of Shinar, to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god.

And the king commanded Ashpenaz the master of his ³ eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; youths in ⁴ whom was no blemish, and who were well-favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and learned in knowledge, and understanding science, and endowed with ability to stand in the king's palace, and to learn the writing and the language of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed that they *should* ⁵ *receive* a daily provision of the king's viands and of the wine which he drank: and that they should be nourished for three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. And among these were of the children of Judah, ⁶ Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. And the prince of ⁷ the eunuchs gave them names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-négo.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile ⁸ himself with the portion of the king's viands, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. And God gave ⁹ unto Daniel grace and favour with the chief of the eunuchs. And the chief of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, "I fear my ¹⁰ lord the king, who hath appointed your food and your drink: why then should he see your faces more sad than *those of the*

youths of your own age? and why should ye endanger my
 11 head to the king?" Then said Daniel to the steward whom
 the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah,
 12 Mishaël, and Azariah, "Try thy servants, I beseech thee, ten
 days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.
 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the
 countenances of the youths who eat of the portion of the king's
 14 viands: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants." So he
 consented to them in this matter, and tried them ten days.
 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer
 and fatter in flesh than *those* of all the youths who did eat
 16 the portion of the king's viands. Then the steward took
 away their portion of the viands, and the wine they should
 have drunk; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and
 skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had under-
 18 standing in all visions and dreams. And at the end of the
 days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the
 chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
 19 And the king conversed with them; and among them all was
 found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah:
 20 therefore they stood before the king. And in all matters of
 wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them,
 he found them ten times better than all the magicians and
 21 soothsayers that were in all his realm. And Daniel con-
 tinued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

1 CHAP. II.—And in the second year of the reign of Nebu-
 chadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit
 2 was troubled, and his sleep departed from him. And the king
 commanded to call the magicians, and the soothsayers, and the
 enchanters, and the Chaldeans, to shew unto the king his
 3 dreams. And they came and stood before the king. And
 the king said unto them, "I have dreamed a dream, and my
 4 spirit is troubled to know the dream." Then spake the Chal-
 deans to the king in Aramean, "O king, live for ever! tell the
 5 dream unto thy servants, and we will shew the interpretation."
 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The thing is
 gone from me. If ye will not make known unto me the dream,
 and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces,
 6 and your houses shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew
 the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of
 me gifts and rewards and great honour. Therefore shew me

the dream, and the interpretation thereof." They answered 7 again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it." The king answered 8 and said, "I know of a certainty that ye seek to gain time, because ye see that the thing is gone from me. If ye will not 9 make known to me the dream, this is your only purpose: and ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream; and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof." The Chaldeans answered before the king, and 10 said, "There is not a man upon earth that can shew that which the king demandeth: therefore no king, *however* great or powerful, hath asked such a thing of any magician, or soothsayer, or Chaldean. And the thing that the king re- 11 quireth is hard; and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and 12 commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. And the 13 decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions that they might be slain.

Then Daniel answered, with prudence and wisdom, to Arioch 14 the captain of the king's guard, who had been sent forth to slay the wise men of Babylon, he answered and said to Arioch 15 the king's captain, "Why is the decree so hasty from the king?" Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. And Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would 16 give him time, and he would shew the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known 17 to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: that they 18 might implore the mercies of the God of Heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. 19 Then Daniel blessed the God of Heaven. Daniel answered 20 and said, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times 21 and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: he revealeth the deep and secret things: 22 he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my 23

fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee : for thou hast made known unto us that which the king demandeth."

24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon : he went and said thus unto him ; " Destroy not the wise men of Babylon : bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king
25 the interpretation." Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, " I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known unto
26 the king the interpretation." The king answered and said unto Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, " Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and
27 the interpretation thereof?" Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, " The wise men, the soothsayers, the magicians, the astrologers, have not been able to shew unto the king the secret which the king hath demanded :
28 but there is a God in heaven who revealeth secrets ; and he maketh known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon
29 thy bed, were these. As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, *concerning* what should come to pass hereafter : and he that revealeth secrets maketh
30 known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but for the sake of them who shall make known the interpretation to the king, that thou mightest know the thoughts of thine heart.

31 " Thou, O king, sawest, and behold, a great image. This great image, whose brightness was extraordinary, stood before thee ; and the appearance thereof was terrible. The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and its arms
32 of silver, its belly and its thighs of brass, its legs of iron,
33 its feet, part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet *which were* of iron and clay, and broke them to
34 pieces. Then were the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors ; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them : and the stone which smote the image became a great mountain, and filled
35 the whole earth. This is the dream ; and we will tell the
36 interpretation thereof before the king.

“Thou, O king, art a king of kings : for the God of Heaven 37
 hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
 And wheresoever dwell the children of men, the beasts of the 38
 field, and the fowls of the heaven, he hath given all into thy
 hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this
 head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom 39
 inferior to thee ; and a third kingdom of brass, which shall
 bear rule over all the earth. And a fourth kingdom shall be 40
 strong as iron : even as iron *which* breaketh in pieces and
 subdueth all things : and as iron that breaketh all things, it
 shall break in pieces, and bruise. And whereas thou sawest 41
 the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, the
 kingdom shall be divided ; but there shall be in it some of
 the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron
 mixed with miry clay. And *as* the toes of the feet were part 42
 of iron and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly
 strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron 43
 mixed with miry clay, they shall be united by intermar-
 riage : but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron
 is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings 44
 shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never
 be destroyed : and *that* kingdom shall not be left to other
 people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these
 kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou 45
 sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without
 hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the
 clay, the silver, and the gold ; the Great God hath made
 known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter : and
 the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.”

Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and 46
 worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer
 an oblation and sweet odours unto him. The king an- 47
 swered unto Daniel and said, “Of a truth your God is a God
 of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets ; see-
 ing thou hast been able to reveal this secret.” Then the 48
 king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great
 gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Baby-
 lon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of
 Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set 49
 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the
 province of Babylon ; but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

CHAP. III.—Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image 1

of gold: the height thereof was threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, 2 in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the lieutenants, and the prefects, the chief-judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the doctors of the law, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar 3 the king had set up. Then the satraps, the lieutenants, and prefects, the chief-judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the doctors of the law, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before 4 the image which Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And the herald cried aloud, "To you it is commanded, O people, 5 nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the harp, the sackbut, the psaltery, the double bag-pipe, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image which Nebuchadnezzar the king 6 hath set up: and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, shall, that very hour, be cast into the midst of a burning 7 fiery furnace." Therefore at the time when all the people heard the sound of the horn, the pipe, the harp, the sackbut, the psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 Whereupon, at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and 9 accused the Jews. They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live for ever! Thou, O king, didst make 10 a decree, that every man that should hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the harp, the sackbut, the psaltery, and the double bag-pipe, and all kinds of music, should fall down 11 and worship the golden image: and whoso should not fall down and worship, should be cast into the midst of a 12 burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought 14 these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said unto them, "Is it on purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye do not serve my gods, nor worship

the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready 15 at the time when ye hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, the harp, the sackbut, the psaltery, and double bag-pipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image which I have made, *it is well*: but if ye do not worship, ye shall be cast that very hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered 16 and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in this matter. If our God, whom we serve, 17 is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, he also will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it 18 known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of 19 his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the mightiest men that were in 20 his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were 21 bound in their trousers, their tunics, and their cloaks, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Whereupon because the king's com- 22 mandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who had taken up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. And these three men, Shadrach, 23 Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king 24 was astonished, and rose up in haste, and said unto his counsellors, "Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said unto the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "Lo, I see four 25 men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like a son of God."

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the 26 burning fiery furnace, and spoke, and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And 27 the satraps, the lieutenants, and the prefects, and the king's counsellors, being assembled, saw these men, that the fire had had no power upon their bodies, nor was a hair of their

head singed, neither were their trousers changed, nor had
 28 the smell of fire passed upon them. Then Nebuchadnezzar
 spoke, and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach,
 and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his
 servants who trusted in him, and who infringed the king's
 command, and yielded their bodies, that they might not
 serve nor worship any god, except their own God.
 29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and
 language, that shall speak any thing amiss against the God
 of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces,
 and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is
 no other God that can deliver after this sort." Then the
 30 king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the
 province of Babylon.

1 CHAP. IV.—"Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people,
 nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace
 2 be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to show the signs
 and wonders which the Most High God hath wrought to-
 3 wards me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are
 his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and
 his dominion is from generation to generation.
 4 "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house, and flourish-
 5 ing in my palace: I saw a dream which made me afraid,
 and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head
 6 troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to bring all the
 wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known
 7 unto me the interpretation of the dream. Then came in the
 magicians, the soothsayers, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers:
 and I told the dream before them; but they did not
 8 make known unto me the interpretation thereof. But at the
 last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar,
 according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit
 of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,
 9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know
 that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret
 troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream which I have
 10 seen, and the interpretation thereof. Thus were the visions
 of my head upon my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the
 midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. The
 11 tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached
 unto heaven, and it might be seen to the end of all the earth:
 12 the leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof abundant,

and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field found shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed from it. I saw in the 13 visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher, even a holy one, came down from heaven. He cried 14 aloud, and said thus, 'Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts depart from under it, and the birds from its branches: nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even 15 with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field. And let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: let his 16 heart be changed from that of a man, and let the heart of a beast be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the sen- 17 tence by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may acknowledge that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.' This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, de- 18 clare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee."

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished 19 for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee." Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, the dream be unto them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof unto thine enemies. The tree 20 which thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and which could be seen by all the earth; whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof abun- 21 dant, and in which was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the birds of the heaven had their habitation: it is thou, O king, who art 22 grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas the king saw a watcher, even a 23 holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let him be wet with the

dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of
24 the field, till seven times pass over him;’ this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High,
25 which is come upon my lord the king: that they shall drive thee from *among* men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven; and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whom-
26 soever he will. And whereas the command was to leave the stump of the roots of the tree; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after thou shalt have acknowledged that the heavens do rule. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be *the means* of lengthening thy tranquillity.”

29 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he was walking in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, “Is not this
30 the great Babylon, which I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honour of
31 my majesty?” While the word was in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, “O king Nebuchadnezzar! to thee it is spoken; the kingdom is departed from
32 thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou acknowledge that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”
33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from *among* men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles’ *feathers*, and his nails
34 like birds’ *claws*. “And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him who liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and whose kingdom is
35 from generation to generation: and *before whom* all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and who doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say
36 unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason

returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counselors and my lords resorted unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the 37 King of Heaven, all whose works are truth, and whose ways are judgment: and who is able to abase them that walk in pride."

CHAP. V.—Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a 1 thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, whilst they tasted the wine, commanded to bring 2 the golden and silver vessels which his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels which 3 were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised 4 the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, 5 and wrote over against the lamp-stand, upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was 6 changed, and his thoughts troubled him, and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. The king cried aloud to bring in the soothsayers, the 7 Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king spoke, and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." Then 8 came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and 9 his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.

The queen, on account of the words of the king and 10 his lords, came into the banquet house: the queen spoke and said, "O king, live for ever! let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a 11 man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods;

and in the days of thy father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him ; and king Nebuchadnezzar, thy father, made him master of the
12 soothsayers, magicians, Chaldeans, and astrologers, forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, *the power of* interpreting dreams, and shewing hard sentences, and resolving doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar : now, let Daniel be called, and
13 he will shew the interpretation." Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spoke and said unto Daniel, "Art thou that Daniel, of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judea ?
14 For I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom
15 is found in thee. And now the wise men, the soothsayers, have been brought in before me, that they might read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof : but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing :
16 and I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations and resolve doubts. Now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed in scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom."
17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, " Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another ; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him
18 the interpretation. O thou king ! the Most High God gave unto Nebuchadnezzar, thy father, a kingdom, and majesty,
19 and glory, and honour : and for the majesty which he gave unto him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him : whom he would he slew ; and whom he would he kept alive ; and whom he would he set up ; and whom he
20 would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly
21 throne, and his glory was taken from him : and he was driven from among the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses : he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven ; till he acknowledged that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over
22 it whomsoever he will. And thou, his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all this ;
23 but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of Heaven ; and

they have brought the vessels of his house before thee ; and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them ; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone ; which see not, nor hear, nor know : and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, thou hast not glorified : there- 24 fore hath the hand been sent from him, and this writing hath been written. And this is the writing that hath been written ; *Mene, Tekel, Pers* [NUMBERED, WEIGHED, 25 DIVIDED.] This is the interpretation of the thing : NUM- 26 BERED ; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. WEIGHED ; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found 27 wanting. DIVIDED ; thy kingdom is divided, and given to 28 the Medes and Persians." Then Belshazzar commanded, and 29 they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans 30 slain. And Darius the Mede took the kingdom, being about 31 three-score and two years old.

CHAP. VI.—It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a 1 hundred and twenty satraps who should be over the whole kingdom ; and over these three presidents ; of whom Daniel 2 was the first : that the satraps might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Now this Daniel was 3 preferred above the presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him ; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Then the presidents and satraps sought to find occasion 4 against Daniel concerning the kingdom ; but they could find no occasion nor fault ; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these 5 men, " We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the 6 king, and said thus unto him, " King Darius, live for ever ! All the presidents of the kingdom, the lieutenants and the 7 satraps, the counsellors and the prefects, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign s

the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of
9 the Medes and Persians, which altereth not." Wherefore
king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he
went into his house; (and he had opened windows in his
chamber towards Jerusalem;) and he kneeled upon his knees
three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God,
11 as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found
12 Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then
they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the
king's decree; "Hast thou not signed a decree, that every
man that shall ask a *petition* of any god or man within thirty
days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of
lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true,
according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth
13 not." Then answered they and said before the king, "That
Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, re-
gardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree which thou hast
14 signed, but maketh his petition three times a day." Then
the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased
with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him:
and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver
15 him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said
unto the king, "Know, O king, that the law of the Medes
and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king
16 hath established may be changed." Then the king com-
manded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den
of lions. The king spake and said unto Daniel, "Thy
God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee."
17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the
den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with
the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed with
regard to Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night
fasting; and suffered not any concubines to be brought to
19 him: and his sleep went from him. Then the king arose
very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of
20 lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a sorrow-
ful voice unto Daniel. The king spake and said unto Daniel,
"O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou
21 servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" Then
22 said Daniel unto the king, "O king, live for ever! My God
hath sent his angel, and hath shut the mouths of the lions,

that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt." Then was the king exceeding glad for him, 23 and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him; because he had trusted in his God.

And the king commanded, and they brought those men 24 who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and before they reached the ground at the bottom of the den, the lions prevailed against them, and broke all their bones in pieces.

Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; "Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every government of my 26 kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and endureth for ever, and his kingdom *is a kingdom* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall endure* even unto the end. He delivereth and 27 rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in 28 the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

CHAP. VII.—In the first year of Belshazzar king of 1 Babylon, Daniel beheld a dream and *saw* visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.

Daniel answered and said, "I saw in my vision by night, 2 and, behold, the four winds of the heaven burst forth upon the Great Sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, 3 different one from another. The first was like a lion, and had 4 eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon its feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold, another beast, the second, like unto a bear; and it 5 raised itself up on one side, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth: and thus it was said unto it, 'Arise, devour much flesh!' After this I beheld, and lo, another, like a 6 leopard, which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night-visions, and behold, a fourth 7

- beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceeding strong ; and it had great iron teeth : it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet : and it was different from all the
 8 beasts that were before it ; and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, and three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots before it : and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man ; and a mouth speaking great things.
 9 I beheld till thrones were set, and the Ancient of Days took his seat ; his garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the undyed wool : his throne was flames of fire ;
 10 his wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him : a thousand times a thousand ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him : the tribunal was established, and the books were
 11 opened. I beheld then after the voice of the great words which the horn spake ; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his
 12 body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. And from the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away : but a prolongation of their lives, for a season and a time, was granted
 13 unto them. I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near be-
 14 fore him. And there was given unto him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom ; that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him : his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one which shall not be destroyed.
 15 “ I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body,
 16 and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and let me know the interpretation of
 17 the things. ‘ These great beasts, of which there are four, are
 18 four kings, who shall rise out of the earth. And *then* the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and shall
 19 possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.’ Then I desired to *know* the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and nails of brass ; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet ; and of the
 20 ten horns which were in its head, and of the other *horn* which came up, and before which three fell ; even of that horn which had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things ; whose

appearance was larger than that of its fellows. I beheld, and 2.
 the same horn made war against the holy ones, and prevailed
 over them ; until the Ancient of Days came, and justice was 22
 done to the holy ones of the Most High ; and the time came
 that the holy ones should possess the kingdom. Thus he said, 23
 ‘The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth,
 which shall be different from all the *other* kingdoms, and
 shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and
 break it in pieces. And the ten horns of this kingdom 24
 are ten kings who shall rise ; and another shall rise after
 them ; and he shall be different from the first, and he shall
 subdue three kings. And he shall speak *great* words against 25
 the Most High, and shall vex the holy ones of the Most High,
 and shall think to change times and laws : and they shall be
 given into his hand for a time, and times, and the half of
 a time. But the tribunal shall be established, and they shall 26
 take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the
 end. And the kingdom, and dominion, and authority over 27
 the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the
 people of the holy ones of the Most High, whose kingdom is
 an everlasting kingdom ; and all dominions shall serve and
 obey it.’ Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, 28
 my thoughts troubled me much, and my countenance changed
 in me : but I kept the matter in my heart.”

CHAP. VIII.—In the third year of the reign of king 1
 Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto me*, Daniel,
 after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw 2
 in a vision ; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at
 Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam ;
 and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then 3
 I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood be-
 fore the river a ram which had two horns : and the two horns
 were high ; but one was higher than the other, and the
 higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and 4
 northward, and southward ; so that no beasts might stand
 before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of
 his hand ; but he did according to his will, and became
 great. And as I was considering, behold, a he-goat came 5
 from the west over the face of the whole earth, and touched
 not the ground : and the goat had a remarkable horn between
 his eyes. And he came to the ram which had two horns, 6
 which I had seen standing before the river, and rushed

7 against him in the fury of his might. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and broke his two horns : and there was no strength in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him : and there
8 was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he-goat waxed very great. And while he was strong, the great horn was broken ; and in its stead, came up four
9 remarkable ones towards the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, towards the south, and towards the east, and towards
10 the beautiful *land*. And he waxed great, even to the host of heaven ; and he cast down some of the host and of the stars
11 to the ground, and stamped upon them : yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host. And by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was
12 cast down. And an army was sent forth against the daily sacrifice for transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground, and went on and prospered.

13 And I heard a Holy One speaking, and another Holy One said unto that one who spoke, "How long extends the vision concerning the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of the desolator, permitting both the sanctuary and the host to be
14 trodden under foot ?" And he said unto me, "To two thousand and three hundred days ; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

15 And it came to pass, when I, even I, Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood
16 one before me, as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of Ulai*, who called, and said,
17 "Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." So he came near where I stood : and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face : but he said unto me, "Understand, O son of man : for the vision *belongeth* unto the time of the end."
18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face towards the ground : but he touched me and set
19 me upright. And he said, "Behold, I will make thee to know what shall be at the latter end of the indignation : for
20 *the vision belongeth* to the appointed time of the end. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of
21 Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Greece : and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.
22 Now whereas, when that was broken, four stood up in its

stead, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have filled up *their sins*, a king of fierce countenance, and skilful in devices, shall stand up. And his might shall be strong, but not by his own might : 24 and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and go forwards, and shall destroy mighty ones and the holy people. And through his policy also fraud shall be made to prosper 25 in his hand ; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and shall destroy many whilst at peace with him ; he shall also stand up against the Prince of Princes ; but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision concerning the evening 26 and the morning *sacrifice* which was told *thee* is true : wherefore shut thou up the vision ; for *it relates* to a distant time.”

“And I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick certain days ; afterwards I 27 rose up, and did the king’s business ; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

CHAP. IX.—In the first year of Darius the son of 1 Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans ; in the first year of his 2 reign, I, Daniel, understood, by computations, the number of the years, whereof the word of Jehovah had come to Jeremiah the prophet, *saying* that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the 3 Lord God, to inquire *by* prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes : and I prayed unto Jehovah my 4 God, and made my confession, and said, “O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments ; we have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done 5 wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments : neither have we hearkened unto 6 thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day ; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass which they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, 8 to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

- 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses,
 10 though we have rebelled against him; neither have we
 obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God, to walk in his laws,
 11 which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea,
 all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, so
 as not to obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured
 upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses
 the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.
 12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spoke against
 us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon
 us a great evil : for under the whole heaven hath no *such*
evil been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As it is
 13 written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us :
 yet we made not our prayer before Jehovah our God, that
 we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.
 14 Therefore hath Jehovah been upon the watch for the evil, and
 brought it upon us : for Jehovah our God is righteous in all
 15 his works which he doeth : for we obeyed not his voice. And
 now, O Lord our God, who hast brought thy people forth
 out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast
 gotten thee renown, as at this day ; we have sinned, we have
 16 done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness,
 I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away
 from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain : because for our
 sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy
 17 people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now
 therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his
 supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary
 18 which is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline
 thine ear, and hear ; open thine eyes, and behold our deso-
 lations, and the city which is called by thy name : for we do
 not present our supplications before thee for our righteous-
 19 ness, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear ; O Lord,
 forgive ; O Lord, hearken and do ; defer not, for thine own
 sake, O my God : for thy city and thy people are called by
 thy name.”
 20 And whilst I was speaking and praying, and confessing my
 sin, and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my sup-
 plication before Jehovah my God, for the holy mountain of my
 21 God ; yea, whilst I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel,
 whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused
 to fly swiftly, touched me, about the time of the evening obla-
 22 tion. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said,

“O Daniel, I am now come forth to teach thee understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee* ; for thou art greatly beloved : therefore understand the message, and consider the vision. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, to complete the transgression, and to fill up *the number* of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the word that Jerusalem should be rebuilt, until a prince shall be anointed, shall be seven weeks ; and *within* threescore and two weeks it shall be rebuilt, both street and ditch, though in troublous times. And after the threescore and two weeks shall an anointed one be cut off, and none *shall be left* unto him : and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary ; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are appointed. And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week : but in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease ; and on the pinnae of *the temple polluted with* abominations *shall stand* one that bringeth desolation, even until the appointed destruction shall be poured out upon the desolator.”

CHAP. X.—In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was made unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar ; and the revelation was true, but the time appointed was long : and he understood the revelation, and had understanding of the vision. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant food, neither did flesh nor wine enter my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And on the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel, then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz : his body also was like a chrysolite, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision : and the men who were with me saw not the vision ; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide them-

8 selves. And I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and
 there remained no strength in me : for my comeliness was
 turned in me into *the colour of* decay, and I retained no
 9 strength. And I heard the sound of his words : and when I
 heard the sound of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on
 my face, and my face towards the ground.

10 And behold, a hand touched me, and it set me upon my
 11 knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto
 me, " O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words
 that I speak unto thee, and stand upright : for unto thee am
 I now sent." And when he had spoken this word unto me,
 12 I stood up trembling. Then said he unto me, " Fear not,
 Daniel : for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart
 to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy
 13 words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the
 prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty
 days : but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to
 help me ; and I gained there the victory over the kings of
 14 Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall
 befall thy people in the latter days : for yet the vision is for
 15 *many* days." And when he had spoken such words unto
 me, I set my face towards the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, one like in form to the sons of men touched
 my lips : then I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said unto
 him that stood before me, " O my lord, by the vision my
 sorrows are returned upon me, and I have retained no
 17 strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with
 this my lord ? for as for me, straightway there remained no
 18 strength in me, neither is there breath left in me." Then
 there came again and touched me one in appearance as a man,
 19 and he strengthened me. And he said, " O man greatly
 beloved, fear not : peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be
 strong." And when he had spoken unto me, I was strength-
 ened, and said, " Let my lord speak ; for thou hast strength-
 20 ened me." Then said he, " Knowest thou wherefore I am
 come unto thee ? And now will I return to fight with the
 prince of Persia : and I go forth ; but behold, the prince of
 21 Greece shall come. But I will shew thee that which is noted
 in the scripture of truth : and there is none that holdeth with
 me in these things, but Michael your prince. CHAP. XI.—

1 And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood
 2 to confirm and to strengthen him. And now will I shew
 unto thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three

kings in Persia ; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all : and by his confidence in his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. And a mighty king shall stand ³ up, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be ⁴ broken, and shall be divided towards the four winds of heaven ; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled : for his kingdom shall be plucked up, and *given* to others besides them. And the king of the south shall be ⁵ strong ; and one of his princes ; and he shall be stronger than he ; and he shall have dominion ; his dominion shall be a great dominion. And after some years they shall join themselves ⁶ together ; for the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement : but she shall not retain the power of the host ; neither shall he stand, nor his seed : and she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and her young child, and whosoever lent her aid in *these* times. But one of the off-shoots of her roots shall ⁷ stand up in his place, and he shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortresses of the king of the north, and shall take means against them, and shall prevail : and he ⁸ shall also carry captive into Egypt, their gods, with their molten images, and their precious vessels of silver and of gold ; and he shall for years withstand the king of the north. And he shall invade the kingdom of the king of the south, ⁹ but shall return into his own land. But his sons shall stir ¹⁰ themselves up to war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces ; and *one* of them shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through : and he shall stir himself up to war again ; yea, even unto his fortress. And the king of the south shall ¹¹ be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north : and he shall set forth a great multitude ; and the multitude shall be given into his hand. And when he hath taken away the multitude, his ¹² heart shall be lifted up ; and he shall cast down many myriads : but he shall not be strengthened *by it*. For the king ¹³ of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall come against him after certain years with a great army and with much riches. And ¹⁴ in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south : also unruly men of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision ; but they shall fall. And ¹⁵ the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and

take the fortified cities : and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be
16 any strength to withstand. And he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him : and he shall stand in the glorious land, and
17 destruction shall be in his hand. He shall also set his face to come into the might of his whole kingdom, and upright men shall be with him ; thus shall he do : and he shall give him *his daughter to wife*, in order to destroy the *kingdom* : but it
18 shall not stand on his side, neither be for him. After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many ; but a commander shall cause his insolence to cease ; with-
19 out his own reproach he shall requite him. Then he shall turn his face towards the fortresses of his own land : but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.
20 Then shall stand up in his place one who shall cause a raiser of taxes to pass over the glory of the kingdom : but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in
21 battle. And in his place shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom, but he shall come in under the guise of friendship, and shall obtain the
22 kingdom by flatteries. And overwhelming forces shall be overwhelmed before him, and shall be broken ; yea, also an
23 allied prince. For after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully : for he shall come up, and shall become
24 strong with a small people. Under the guise of friendship he shall enter even upon the richest places of the province ; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers ; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches : yea, and he shall plot his devices against
25 the strong-holds even for a time. And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army ; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army ; but he shall not
26 stand : for they shall plot devices against him. Yea, they that feed of the portion of his viands shall destroy him, and though his army shall be abundant, yet many shall fall down
27 slain. And the hearts of both these kings shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table ; but it shall not prosper : for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.
28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches ; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant ; and he shall do
29 *exploits*, and return to his own land. At the time appointed

he shall return, and come towards the south ; but the latter time shall not be as the former. For the ships of Chittim 30 shall come against him : therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant : and he shall take his measures ; he shall even return, and have understanding with them that forsake the holy covenant. And 31 auxiliaries shall be arrayed on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary, the strong-hold, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall set up the abomination that bringeth desolation. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall 32 he pervert by flatteries : but the people that know their God shall be strong and do *exploits*. And they that understand 33 among the people shall instruct many : yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with 34 a little help : but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, 35 and to purify *them*, and to make *them* white, even to the time of the end : because it is yet for a time appointed. And the king shall do according to his will ; and he shall 36 exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods ; and shall prosper till the *measure of* indignation be filled up : for that which is determined shall be done. He shall neither 37 regard the god of his fathers, nor *the deity* in whom women delight ; nor shall he regard any god : for he shall magnify himself above all. But in place of him he shall honour the god 38 of strong-holds : yea a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and with silver, and with precious stones, and with costly things. And he shall act against the mightiest 39 strong-holds with a strange god : whosoever shall acknowledge *him*, he shall increase with glory : and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land *among* them for reward.

“ But at the time of the end the king of the south shall push 40 at him : and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships ; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow *them*, and pass over. He shall enter also into the 41 glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown : but these shall escape out of his hand, Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. And he shall stretch forth 42 his hand upon the countries : and the land of Egypt shall

43 not escape. And he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the costly things of Egypt : and the Lubbites and the Cushites shall follow in his steps.
 44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him. And he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and
 45 utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain ; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

1 CHAP. XII.—“ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth up for the children of thy people : and *though* there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time : yet at that time thy people shall be delivered ; every one that shall
 2 be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. And they that
 3 are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament : and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

4 “ But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even till the time of the end. Many shall peruse *it then*, and knowledge shall be increased.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on
 6 that side of the bank of the river. And *one of them* said to the man clothed in linen, who was upon the waters of the river, “ How long shall it be till the end of these wonders ? ”
 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever, that after a time, times, and a half, even when the dispersion of a portion of the holy people shall have come to an end, all
 8 these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not. Then said I, “ O my Lord, what shall be the end
 9 of these things ? ” And he said, “ Go thy way, Daniel : for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
 10 Many shall be cleansed, and made white, and purified ; but the wicked will *still* do wickedly : and none of the wicked
 11 shall understand ; but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate shall be set up, there shall

be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he ¹² that waiteth and cometh to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. But go thou thy way till the end be : for ¹³ thou shalt go to rest ; but thou shalt rise up for thy portion at the end of the days."

H O S E A.

- 1 CHAP. I.—The word of Jehovah which came to Hosea,
son of Becri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Heze-
kiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, son of
Joash, king of Israel.
- 2 The beginning of the word of Jehovah by Hosea. Now
Jehovah said to Hosea, Go, take to thyself a wife of fornica-
tions, and children of fornications. For the land hath com-
3 mitted great fornication in departing from Jehovah. So he
went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim; and she
4 conceived and bore to him a son. And Jehovah said to him,
Call his name Jezreel;
For yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jez-
reel
Upon the house of Jehu,
And cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.
5 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jez-
reel.
- 6 And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And
Jehovah said to him,
Call her name Lo-ruhamah; [NOT-PITIED]
For I will no more have pity on the house of Israel;
But I will utterly take them away.
- 7 Yet I will have pity on the house of Judah,
And I will save them by Jehovah their God;
And I will not save them by bow, nor by sword,
Nor by battle, nor by horses, nor by horsemen.

And she weaned Lo-ruhamah, and conceived and bore a son. And Jehovah said,
 Call his name Lo-Ammi; [NOT-MY-PEOPLE]
 For ye are not my people,
 And I will not be your *God*.
 Yet shall the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand
 of the sea,
 Which cannot be measured, neither can it be numbered;
 And it shall be *that* in the place where it was said to them,
 'Ye are not my people,'
 It shall be said to them,
 'Sons of the living God.'
 And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel shall be
 gathered together,
 And shall appoint to themselves one head,
 And shall come up out of the land:
 For great shall be the day of Jezreel.

CHAP. II.—Say to your brethren, Ammi, [MY-PEOPLE]
 And to your sisters, Ruhamah, [PITIED]
 Chide ye with your mother, chide;
 For she is not my wife,
 Neither am I her husband;
 And let her put away her fornications from before her,
 And her many adulteries from between her breasts;
 Lest I strip her naked,
 And set her as in the day when she was born;
 And make her as a desert,
 And set her as a dry land,
 And kill her with thirst,
 And have not pity on her sons,
 Because they are sons of fornications,
 For their mother hath committed fornication;
 She who conceived them hath done shamefully:
 For she hath said, I will go after my lovers,
 Who give me my bread and my water,
 My wool and my flax,
 My oil and my strong drink.
 Therefore, lo, I will hedge up thy way with thorns,
 And close up her fenece,
 That she may not find her ways.
 And she shall follow after her lovers, but shall not over-
 take them;

- And she shall seek them, but shall not find *them*.
 Then she shall say,
 I will go again to my first husband ;
 For then it was better with me than now.
- 8 Then she knew not that I gave to her
 The corn, and the new wine and the oil,
 And multiplied to her the silver and the gold,
Which they wrought for Baal.
- 9 Therefore I will again take away
 My corn in its proper time, and my new wine in its
 season,
 And I will take back my wool and my flax *which were* to
 cover her nakedness.
- 10 And now I will expose her vileness in the sight of her
 lovers,
 And no one shall deliver her out of my hand.
- 11 And I will cause all her joy to cease,
 Her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths,
 And all her solemn assemblies.
- 12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig-trees,
 Of which she said, These are my hire,
 Which my lovers have given to me :
 And I will make them a forest,
 And the beasts of the field shall devour them.
- 13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim,
 In which she burnt incense to them,
 And adorned herself with her rings and her jewels,
 And went after her lovers,
 And forgot me, saith Jehovah.
- 14 Yet, lo, I will allure her,
 And I will lead her into the desert,
 And I will speak kindly to her ;
- 15 And thence I will give her her vineyards,
 And the valley of Achor for a door of hope.
 And she shall sing there responsively as in the days of
 her youth,
 And as in the day of her coming up from the land of
 Egypt.
- 16 And it shall be in that day, saith Jehovah,
That thou shalt call me Ishi, [MY HUSBAND]
 And thou shalt no more call me Baali. [MY LORD]
- 17 For I will take away the names of the Baalim from her
 mouth,

And they shall no more be called to remembrance by their names.

And I will make a covenant for them in that day 18
 With the beasts of the field,
 And with the fowls of the heavens,
 And with the creeping things of the ground;
 And the bow, and the sword, and the battle
 I will break from off the land;
 And I will make them to lie down in safety,
 And I will betroth thee to me for ever; 19
 Yea, I will betroth thee to me in righteousness and justice,
 And in loving-kindness and compassion.
 Yea, I will betroth thee to me in truth, 20
 And thou shalt know Jehovah.
 And in that day I will give an answer, saith Jehovah, 21
 I will give an answer to the heavens,
 And they shall give an answer to the earth;
 And the earth shall give an answer to the corn, 22
 And the new wine and the oil;
 And they shall give an answer to Jezreel, [THE SOWN OF
 God]
 And I will sow her for myself in the land, 23
 And I will have pity on Lo-ruhamah,
 And I will say to Lo-Ammi, Thou art my people;
 And she shall say, My God!

CHAP. III.—And Jehovah said unto me again, Go 1
 love a woman beloved by a lover, yet an adulteress, as
 Jehovah loveth the children of Israel, although they turn
 away to other gods, and are lovers of cakes of raisins.
 So I bought her for myself, for fifteen *pieces* of silver, 2
 a homer of barley, and a half-homer of barley. And I said 3
 unto her, 'Thou shalt abide with me for many days, thou
 shalt not commit fornication, nor be for any *other* man. So 4
 will I also be for thee.' For the children of Israel shall abide
 many days without a king, and without a prince, and without
 a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and
without teraphim. Afterwards the children of Israel shall 5
 again seek Jehovah their God, and David their king; and
 shall revere Jehovah and his goodness, in the latter days.

CHAP. IV.—Hear the word of Jehovah, ye children of 1
 Israel:

For Jehovah hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land,

Because there is no truth, and no kindness,
Nor any knowledge of God in the land.

2 Swearing, and lying, and murder,
And stealing, and adultery break forth,
And bloodshed followeth close upon bloodshed.

3 Therefore the land shall mourn,
And every one who dwelleth in it shall languish,
With the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven;
And even the fishes of the sea shall be taken away together.

4 Yet let no one contend, neither let any one reprove;
For thy people are as those who contend with a priest.

5 Therefore thou shalt fall in the day,
And the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night,
And I will destroy thy mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because thou hast rejected knowledge,
I will also reject thee from being a priest to me:
Since thou hast forgotten the law of thy God,
I, even I, will forget thy sons.

7 As they increased, so they sinned against me:
Their glory I will change into shame.

8 They eat the sin *offerings* of my people,
And on their iniquity they set their heart.

9 And it shall be as with the people, so with the priest,
And I will visit their ways upon them,
And their doings I will recompense unto them.

10 And they shall eat and not be satisfied;
They shall commit fornication and not increase;
Because they have ceased to regard Jehovah.

11 Fornication and wine and new wine
Take away the heart of my people.

12 Of their *idols* of wood they ask counsel,
And their staff declareth to them:
For the spirit of fornications hath caused them to err,
And they commit fornication,
Withdrawing from submission to their God.

13 On the tops of the mountains they sacrifice,
And upon the hills they burn incense,
Under the oak, and the poplar, and the terebinth,
Because its shade is good:

Therefore your daughters commit fornication,
 And your daughters-in-law commit adultery.
 Shall I not visit your daughters when they commit forni- 14
 cation,

And your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery?
 When with fornicators they set themselves apart,
 And with harlots offer sacrifice?

Therefore the people that will not understand shall fall.

Though thou commit fornication, O Israel, 15
 Let not Judah offend.

Go not to Gilgal,

Neither go up to Beth-aven;

And swear not, "*As Jehovah liveth.*"

For as a restive heifer, Israel is restive : 16

Now will Jehovah feed them, as a lamb in a wide place.

Ephraim is joined to idols : let him alone. 17

Their drink being removed, they commit fornication con- 18
 tinually :

Her chiefs love disgrace.

A wind shall bind her up in its wings, 19

And they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAP. V.—Hear ye this, O priests ; 1

And hearken, O house of Israel ;

And, O house of the king, listen ;

For against you is judgment.

Because ye have been a snare at Mizpah,

And an out-spread net upon Tabor,

And the revolvers have made a deep slaughter, 2

Therefore I chastise them all.

I know Ephraim,

And Israel is not hidden from me : 3

For now, O Ephraim, thou hast committed fornication ;

Israel is defiled.

Their deeds suffer them not to turn unto their God ; 4

For a spirit of fornication is in the midst of them,

And they know not Jehovah.

And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face ; 5

Therefore Israel and Ephraim shall fall in their ini-
 quity ;

Judah also shall fall with them.

With their flocks and with their herds they shall go to seek 6
 Jehovah ;

- But they shall not find him ;
 He hath withdrawn himself from them.
- 7 Against Jehovah they have acted treacherously ;
 For they have begotten strange children ;
 Now shall a month consume them with their possessions.
- 8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah :
 Cry aloud in Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin.
- 9 Ephraim shall be a desolation in the day of rebuke :
 Among the tribes of Israel I have made known what shall
 surely be.
- 10 The princes of Judah are like those who remove a land-
 mark,
 I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.
- 11 Ephraim is oppressed, is broken in judgment,
 Because he willingly walked after defilement.
- 12 Therefore will I be as a moth to Ephraim,
 And as a worm to the house of Judah.
- 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness,
 And Judah his wound,
 Then went Ephraim to the Assyrian,
 And sent to king Jareb,
 But he was not able to heal you,
 Neither could he remove from you the wound.
- 14 Surely I *will be* as a lion to Ephraim,
 And as a young lion to the house of Judah :
 I, *even* I, will tear, and I will go and bear away,
 And no one shall rescue.
- 15 I will go away, I will return to my place,
 Till they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face ;
 In their affliction they will seek me early, *saying*,

- 1 CHAP. VI.—“ Come, and let us return to Jehovah ;
 For he hath torn, and he will heal us,
 He hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2 He will revive us after two days,
 On the third day he will raise us up,
 And we shall live in his presence.
- 3 We shall know Jehovah,
 We shall follow after the knowledge of him :
 His going forth is certain as that of the morning,
 And he will come to us as the rain,
 As the latter rain which watereth the earth.”
- 4 What shall I do to thee, O Ephraim !

What shall I do to thee, O Judah ?
 For your goodness is as a morning cloud,
 And as early dew it passeth away.
 Therefore have I hewn them by the prophets ; 5
 I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
 And my judgment hath gone forth as the light.
 For I desired kindness and not sacrifice, 6
 And knowledge of God more than whole burnt-offerings.

But they, like Adam, have transgressed the covenant : 7
 There have they dealt treacherously with me.

Gilead is a city of those who are workers of iniquity, 8
 Marked by footsteps of blood.

And like bands of robbers lying in wait for a man, 9
 Is the company of priests on the high way ;

They murder unto Shechem :
 Truly they commit a shameful deed.

In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing : 10
 There is the fornication of Ephraim,

Israel is defiled ;
 Judah also ! a harvest is appointed for thee. 11

When I would have reversed the captivity of my people,

✓ CHAP. VII. When I would have healed Israel, 1

Then the iniquity of Ephraim was revealed,
 And the wickedness of Samaria :

For they practise deceit and the thief entereth in,
 And a band of robbers spoileth in the street.

✓ And they say not in their heart ————— 2

That I remember all their wickedness :

Now their doings encompass them ;

They are before my face.

✓ By their wickedness they make glad the king, 3

And by their falsehoods the princes.

✓ All of them are adulterers, 4

Like an oven heated by the baker,

Who ceaseth from stirring it

After kneading the dough till it is leavened.

✓ On the birthday of our king the rulers were inflamed with 5
 wine ;

He stretched out his hand to scorners.

For they have made ready their heart as an oven, while

they lie in wait :

All night their baker sleepeth ;

- In the morning it burneth as a blazing fire.
 7 All of them are heated as an oven,
 And they have devoured their judges :
 All their kings are fallen ;
 Not one amongst them hath called to me.
 8 Ephraim hath mixed himself with the peoples ;
 Ephraim is a cake not turned.
 9 Strangers have devoured his strength,
 Yet he knoweth it not ;
 Grey hairs also are sprinkled upon him,
 Yet he knoweth it not ;
 10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face ;
 But they return not to Jehovah their God ;
 And they seek him not, for all this.
 11 And Ephraim is like a silly dove, without sense :
 They call on Egypt, they go to Assyria :
 12 Wheresoever they go, I will spread over them my net ;
 As the fowls of the heavens I will bring them down,
 I will chastise them, as hath been heard in their assembly.
 13 Woe to them ! because they have fled from me ;
 Destruction to them ! because they have transgressed
 against me :
 Though I redeemed them, they have spoken lies against
 me.
 14 And they have not cried to me in their heart,
 When they howled upon their beds :
 For corn and new wine they estrange themselves ;
 They depart from me.
 15 Though I have instructed them, though I have strength-
 ened their arms,
 Yet they have devised evil against me.
 16 They turn not to the Most High ;
 They are like a deceitful bow :
 Their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their
 tongue.
 This shall be a derision to them in the land of Egypt.

- 1 CHAP. VIII.—The trumpet to thy mouth !
 As a vulture *he cometh* against the house of Jehovah,
 Because they have transgressed my covenant,
 And trespassed against my law.
 2 They shall cry to me,
 My God, we, Israel, know thee !

Israel hath rejected good : 3
 The enemy shall pursue him.
 They have made kings, but not from me ; 4
 They have made princes, but I have not known :
 Of their silver and their gold they have made themselves
 idols,
 That they might be cut off.
 He hath rejected thy calf, O Samaria, 5
 (Mine anger is kindled against them.
 How long ere they attain to innocency ?)
 For of Israel is even this : 6
 The artificer made it,
 And it is not God.
 Surely the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.
 For they have sown the wind, 7
 And they shall reap the whirlwind :
 He (*Israel*) shall have no standing corn ;
 The grain shall yield no meal :
 If perchance it yield, strangers shall swallow it up.
 Israel shall be swallowed up : 8
 Now shall they be among the nations
 Like a vessel in which there is no pleasure.
 For they are gone up to Assyria. 9
 Ephraim is a wild ass alone by himself,
 They have hired lovers ;
 Yet although they have hired among the nations, 10
 Now will I gather them together,
 And they shall rest for a little while
 From the burdensome tribute of the king and princes.
 Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars for sin, 11
 They shall be altars to him for the punishment of sin.
 I have prescribed to him many things of my law ; 12
 They have been accounted as something strange.
 As to the sacrifices of gifts to me, they sacrifice flesh, they 13
 eat it :
 Jehovah accepteth them not.
 Now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their
 sins :
 They shall return to Egypt.
 And Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and built temples ; 14
 Judah also hath multiplied fenced cities ;
 But I will send a fire upon his cities,
 And it shall devour their palaces.

- 1 CHAP. IX.—Rejoice not with exultation, O Israel, as
do the peoples,
For thou hast committed fornication, *departing* from thy
God ;
Thou hast loved hire at every corn-floor.
- 2 The floor and the wine-vat shall not feed them,
And the new wine shall fail them.
- 3 They shall not dwell in the land of Jehovah ;
But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,
And in Assyria they shall eat unclean things.
- 4 They shall not pour out to Jehovah *offerings* of wine,
Neither shall their sacrifices be pleasing to him.
As bread of mourners *shall it be* to them :
All who eat of it shall be polluted.
Truly their bread shall be for themselves ;
Let it not come into the house of Jehovah.
- 5 What will ye do on the day of the assembly,
And on the day of the feast of Jehovah ?
- 6 For lo ! they are gone away from before the destroyer ;
Egypt shall gather them : Memphis shall bury them.
The pleasant places purchased by their silver, nettles shall
possess them :
The thorn shall be in their tabernacles.
- 7 The days of visitation are come,
The days of retribution are come ;
Israel shall know that the prophet was a fool,
That the man of the spirit was mad,
On account of the abundance of thine iniquity,
And thy great hatred.
- 8 Ephraim looketh *to others* besides his God ;
The prophet is the snare of a fowler on all his paths :
Hatred is in the house of his God.
- 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of
Gibeah :
He will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.
- 10 I found Israel as grapes in the desert ;
As the early fruit on the fig-tree in her prime,
I saw your fathers :
They went to Baal-Peor, and devoted themselves to shame,
And they were abominable as the things which they loved.
- 11 Ephraim ! as a bird shall their glory fly away,
No birth, no bearing in the womb, no conception !
- 12 If perchance they rear their sons,

Yet I will bereave them, till not a man is left ;
 Yea, woe shall be to them, when I depart from them.
 Ephraim, as I have seen, was like a rock, 13
 Planted in a pleasant place :
 Yet Ephraim shall bring forth his children for the murderer.
 Give them, O Jehovah,—what wilt thou give ? 14
 Give them a miscarrying womb, and dry breasts.
 All their wickedness in Gilgal ! 15
 For there I hated them.
 Because of the evil of their doings I will drive them from
 my house ;
 I will love them no more ;
 All their princes are revolvers.
 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, 16
 They shall not bear fruit ;
 Even should they bring forth,
 Yet will I cause the desired fruit of their womb to die.
 My God will cast them off, because they have not heark- 17
 ened unto him ;
 And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAP. X.—Israel is a flourishing vine, 1
 Which bringeth forth fruit for itself.
 According to the abundance of his fruit
 He hath multiplied his altars ;
 According to the goodness of his land
 He hath made goodly images. -
 Their heart is slippery ; now shall they be found guilty : 2
 He will break down their altars, he will spoil their images.
 For now they shall say, “ We have no king, 3
 Because we have not feared Jehovah.
 But a king, what could he do for us ? ”
 They have spoken *vain* words, 4
 With false oaths, in making a covenant :
 Therefore judgment springeth up, as darnel in the furrows
 of the field.
 On account of the calves of Beth-aven 5
 The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in dread :
 For its people shall mourn for it,
 And its sacrificers who exulted in it,
 For its glory, because it is departed from it.
 Even it shall be carried to Assyria, 6
 A present to king Jareb :

Ephraim shall receive shame,
And Israel shall be put to shame on account of his
counsel.

- 7 Samaria shall be cut off;
Her king *shall be* as foam on the surface of the waters.
8 And the high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be
destroyed.

The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars;
And they shall say to the mountains, "Cover us;"
And to the hills, "Fall on us."

- 9 From the days of Gibeah hast thou sinned, O Israel;
There have they stood still.
Shall the battle in Gibeah against the sons of iniquity not
overtake them?

- 10 According to my desires I will chastise them;
And peoples shall be gathered against them,
When they are chastised for their two iniquities.

- 11 And Ephraim is a trained heifer
That loveth to tread out *corn*.
But I will pass a yoke over her fair neck:
I will make Ephraim carry a rider.
Judah shall plough,
Jacob shall break his clods.

- 12 Sow to yourselves for righteousness,
Reap kindness;
Fill again your newly tilled land:
For it is time to seek Jehovah,
That he may come and rain righteousness upon you.
13 Ye have ploughed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity;
Ye have eaten the fruit of falsehood.
Because thou hast trusted in thine own way,
In the multitude of thy mighty men,
14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people,
And all thy fortresses shall be destroyed,
As Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel in the day of battle:
The mother was dashed in pieces with her children;
15 So shall Bethel do to you
On account of your great wickedness:
In a morning shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.

- 1 CHAP. XI.—When Israel was a child then I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called my son.
2 As soon as they were called they went from me:

They sacrificed to Baalim,
 And burnt incense to graven images.
 I also taught Ephraim to walk, 3
 Taking them by their arms.
 Yet they knew not that I would heal them.
 With the cords of a man I drew them, 4
 With the bands of love ;
 And I was to them as those who lift off the yoke on their
 cheek,
 And I laid food before them.
 Shall he not return to the land of Egypt, 5
 And the Assyrian be his king,
 Since they have refused to return *to me* ?
 And the sword shall go round in his cities, 6
 And shall consume their bars,
 And devour because of their counsels.
 And my people waver as to turning away from me : 7
 Though they are called to the most High,
 They raise not *their head*. 8
 How shall I give thee up, O Ephraim,
 How deliver thee up, O Israel ?
 How shall I make thee as Admah ;
 How set thee as Zeboim ?
 My heart is turned within me,
 My repentings are kindled together.
 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, 9
 I will not return to destroy Ephraim :
 For I am God and not man,
 The Holy One in the midst of thee :
 And I will not come against the city.
 They shall walk after Jehovah ; 10
 As a lion he shall roar.
 When he shall roar
 Then the children shall hasten from the west.
 They shall hasten as a bird from Egypt, 11
 And as a dove, from the land of Assyria :
 And I will place them in their houses, saith Jehovah.
 Ephraim hath encompassed me with falsehood, 12
 And the house of Israel with deceit :
 But Judah is firm with his God,
 And with the holy ones he is faithful.
 CHAP. XII.—Ephraim feedeth on wind, 1
 And pursueth the east wind ;

Every day he increaseth lying and destruction ;
And they make a covenant with Assyria,
And oil is carried into Egypt.

2 Jehovah hath also a controversy with Judah,
And will visit Jacob according to his ways ;
According to his doings he will recompense him.
3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,
And by his strength he had power with God :
4 Yea, he had power against the angel and prevailed ;
He wept and made supplication to Him.

In Bethel he found him,
And there he spoke with him,
5 Even Jehovah God of Hosts ;
Jehovah is his memorial.
6 Therefore return thou to thy God ;
Observe kindness and judgment,
And look with hope to thy God continually.

7 A merchant in whose hand are deceitful balances
Loveth to defraud.

8 And Ephraim hath said, Surely I am become rich,
I have found wealth for myself :
In all my labours

No iniquity shall be found in me that were sin.
9 And I, *that have been* Jehovah thy God from the land of
Egypt,

Will yet make thee to dwell in tents,
As in the days of the feast.
10 And though I have spoken by prophets,
And have multiplied visions,
And by the prophets have used similitudes,
11 Is there not iniquity in Gilead ?
Surely they are vanity.
In Gilgal they sacrifice oxen ;
Truly their altars are as stone-heaps in the furrows of the
field.

12 Jacob indeed fled into the country of Syria,
And Israel served for a wife,
And for a wife he kept *sheep* ;
13 And by a prophet Jehovah brought up Israel from Egypt,
And by a prophet he was preserved.
14 Ephraim has most bitterly provoked :
Therefore his sheddings of blood shall be upon him ;

He shall be forsaken,
And his reproach will his lord turn upon him.

CHAP. XIII.—When Ephraim spake there was terror, 1
He was exalted in Israel ;
But he became guilty *by worshipping* Baal, and he died.
And now they sin more and more, 2
And have made themselves molten images of their silver,
Idols according to their skill ;
All the work of artificers.

Of these they say,
Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves. 3
Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud,
And as the early dew which passeth away ;
As chaff which is driven by the whirlwind from the floor,
And as smoke from the chimney.

Yet I have been Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt, 4
And thou hast known no God but me,
And there is no Saviour except me.
I knew thee in the wilderness, 5
In the land of great drought.
As they fed they were filled ; 6
They were filled and their heart was lifted up ;
Therefore they have forgotten me.
Therefore I will be to them as a devouring lion ; 7
As a leopard by the wayside I will lie on the watch ;
I will meet them as a bear bereaved, 8
And I will rend the caul of their heart,
And I will devour them there like a lioness ;
A beast of the field shall tear them in pieces:
Thou hast destroyed thyself, O Israel ; 9
For thou art against me, thy help.

Where is now thy king 10
That he may save thee in all thy cities ?
And thy judges, to whom thou saidst,
“ Give me a king and princes.”
I gave thee a king in my anger, 11
And I took *him* away in my wrath.

The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up ; 12
Hoarded up is his sin.
The pangs of a woman in travail shall come upon him ; 13
He is an unwise son :

- For he came not at the right time to the birth.
 14 I would have redeemed them from the power of the grave ;
 From death I would have delivered them.
 O Death, where are thy plagues ?
 O Grave, where is thy destruction ?
 But repentance is hidden from mine eyes.
 15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren,
 An east wind shall come ;
 A mighty wind from the desert shall come,
 And his spring shall become dry,
 And his fountain shall be dried up.
 And they shall plunder the treasure,
 All his precious vessels.
 16 Samaria shall be found guilty, because she hath rebelled
 against her God ;
 By the sword they shall fall.
 Their infants shall be dashed in pieces,
 And their women with child shall be ripped up.

- 1 CHAP. XIV.—Return, O Israel, to Jehovah thy God ;
 For thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
 2 Take with you words,
 And turn to Jehovah :
 Say unto him, Entirely take away iniquity,
 And accept the good :
 And we will render in return the offerings of our lips.
 3 Assyria shall not save us ;
 We will not ride on horses ;
 Neither will we any more say, Our gods !
 To the work of our own hands ;
 For in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.
 4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely ;
 For mine anger is turned away from him.
 5 I will be as the dew to Israel ;
 He shall blossom as the lily,
 And strike his roots as Lebanon.
 6 His suckers shall spread,
 And as the olive shall be his beauty,
 And his fragrance as Lebanon.
 7 They shall return sitting under his shade ;
 They shall live as corn, and flourish as the vine,
 And be renowned as the wine of Lebanon.

Ephraim *shall say*, What have I any more to do with idols ? s
I have afflicted him ; and I will look favourably on him,
even I :

Like a flourishing cypress from me thy fruit shall be
found.

Who is wise that he may understand these things ? 9
Intelligent, that he may know them ?
For the ways of Jehovah are right,
And the just will walk in them ;
But transgressors shall fall in them.

THE BOOK OF JOEL.

1 CHAP. I.—The word of Jehovah which came to Joel,
son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye aged men,
And hearken, all ye inhabitants of the land.
Hath *anything like* this happened in your days,
Or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell it to your children,
And *let* your children *tell it* to their children,
And their children to the next generation.

4 That which the gezem-locust hath left, the arba-locust
hath eaten,
And that which the arba hath left, the ileq-locust hath
eaten :
And that which the ileq hath left, the chesil-locust hath
eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunken, and weep ;
And howl all ye drinkers of wine,
For the new wine, because it is snatched from your mouth.

6 For a nation hath come upon my land,
Strong, and not to be numbered ;
Their teeth are the teeth of a lion,
And they have the eye-teeth of a lioness.

7 They have destroyed my vine,
And my fig-tree they have broken ;
They have entirely stripped it, and cast it down ;
Its branches are made white.

8 Lament, as a virgin girded with sackcloth
Lamenteth for the husband of her youth.

The meal-offering, and the drink-offering are cut off from 9
 the house of Jehovah :
 The priests, the ministers of Jehovah, mourn :
 The field is wasted, the land mourneth ; 10
 For the corn is wasted, the new wine is dried up, the oil
 languisheth.
 Be ashamed ye husbandmen, howl ye vinedressers, 11
 For the wheat and for the barley ;
 Because the harvest of the field is perished ;
 The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree languisheth ; 12
 The pomegranate, the palm, and the citron ;
 All the trees of the field are withered.
 For joy is withered away from the sons of men.
 Gird yourselves and mourn, ye priests ; 13
 Howl, ye ministers of the altar ;
 Come, spend the night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my
 God ;
 Because the meal-offering and the drink-offering is with-
 held from the house of your God.
 Appoint a fast, proclaim a day of restraint, 14
 Gather together the elders, all the inhabitants of the
 land,
 To the house of Jehovah, your God,
 And cry ye to Jehovah, Alas the day !
 For the day of Jehovah is near, 15
 And as destruction from the Almighty it shall come.
 Is not food cut off before your eyes ? 16
 Joy and exultation
 From the house of our God ?
 The seeds are rotten under their clods, 17
 The store-houses are laid desolate, the granaries are de-
 stroyed ;
 For the corn is withered.
 How the beasts groan ! 18
 The herds of cattle are perplexed,
 Because they have no pasture :
 The flocks of sheep also are destroyed.
 To thee O Jehovah I call ; 19
 For fire hath consumed the pastures of the desert,
 And the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.
 Even the beasts of the field cry to thee ; 20
 For the streams of water are dried up,
 And fire hath consumed the pastures of the wilderness.

- 1 CHAP. II.—Blow ye the trumpet in Zion
 And sound an alarm in my holy mountain :
 Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble :
 For the day of Jehovah cometh ; for it is near.
- 2 A day of darkness and of gloom,
 A day of cloud and of thickest darkness,
 As the dawn spread over the mountains.
 A people *cometh*, numerous and strong ;
 Like them there hath not been of old time,
 Neither after them shall there be again,
 To the years of successive generations.
- 3 Before them a fire consumeth,
 And after them a flame burneth :
 The land before them is as the garden of Eden,
 And behind them a desolate wilderness ;
 And nothing can escape them.
- 4 Their appearance is as the appearance of horses ;
 And like horsemen shall they rush on :
- 5 Like the sound of chariots on the tops of mountains
 shall they leap,
 Like the sound of a flame of fire consuming the stubble ;
 Like a mighty people in battle array.
- 6 Before them peoples shall be in pangs ;
 All faces shall grow pale.
- 7 Like mighty men shall they rush on,
 Like men of war shall they mount the wall,
 While each shall march on his own way,
 And they shall not turn aside from their tracks ;
- 8 Neither shall any one thrust aside another :
 Every one shall march in his own path,
 And when they fall upon the sword they shall not be
 wounded.
- 9 They shall run to and fro in the city ;
 They shall run upon the wall ;
 They shall climb upon the houses ;
 They shall enter as a thief through the windows.
- 10 Before them the earth quaketh, the heavens tremble ;
 The sun and the moon are darkened,
 And the stars withdraw their shining ;
- 11 And Jehovah uttereth his voice before his army ;
 For very numerous is his host ;
 For strong is that which executeth his word ;

For great is the day of Jehovah, and very terrible,
And who can abide it?

Yet even now, saith Jehovah, 12
Turn to me with all your heart,
With fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning ;
And rend your heart, and not your garments, 13
And turn to Jehovah your God :
For he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and of great kindness,
And he repenteth concerning the evil.
Who knoweth but he will turn and repent ? 14
And leave behind him a blessing,
A meal-offering and a drink-offering,
To Jehovah your God.

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, 15
Appoint a fast, proclaim a day of restraint ;
Gather the people, appoint an assembly,
Gather together the elders, collect the children, and those 16
who suck the breasts ;

Let the bridegroom come forth from his chamber,
And the bride from her apartment.
Between the porch and the altar, 17
Let the priests, the ministers of Jehovah, weep,
And let them say, " Spare thy people, O Jehovah,
And give not thy heritage to reproach,
So that the nations should rule over them.
Why should they say among the peoples,
Where is their God ?

Let Jehovah be jealous for his own land, 18
And pity his people !"
Then Jehovah will answer, and say to his people, 19
Lo, I will send you corn, and new wine, and oil,
And ye shall have abundance of them,
And I will not again make you a reproach among the
nations.

But the northern army I will remove far from you, 20
And will drive it into a dry and desolate land,
Its van towards the eastern sea,
And its rear towards the western sea ;
And its stench shall come up, and its ill odour shall
come up,

Because it hath done great things.

- 21 Fear not, O laud, exult and rejoice ;
For Jehovah will do great things.
- 22 Fear not, ye cattle of the field ;
For the pastures of the wilderness are springing up,
For the tree is bearing its fruit,
The fig-tree and the vine are yielding their strength.
- 23 And ye sons of Zion exult,
And rejoice in Jehovah your God ;
For he giveth you the early rain abundantly,
And causeth the rain to come down to you,
The early and the latter rain as before.
- 24 And the threshing floors shall be full of corn,
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.
- 25 And I will recompense to you the years
Which the arba-locust hath eaten,
The ileq-locust, and the chesil-locust, and the gezem-locust,
My great army which I sent among you.
- 26 And ye shall eat abundantly and be satisfied,
And praise the name of Jehovah your God,
Who hath dealt with you wondrously ;
And my people shall never be ashamed.
- 27 But ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
And that I Jehovah am your God, and no one else,
And my people shall never be ashamed.
- 28 And afterwards thus it shall be ;
I will pour forth my spirit upon all flesh ;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophecy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions ;
- 29 And even upon the men-servants, and the maid-servants,
In those days I will pour forth my spirit.
- 30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth,
Blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and terrible day of
Jehovah.
- 32 But every one who shall call upon the name of Jehovah
shall be delivered :
For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, shall be deliverance,

As Jehovah hath said,
Even upon the remnant whom Jehovah shall call.

CHAP. III.—For, lo, in those days and at that time, ¹
When I shall bring back the captives of Judah and
Jerusalem,

I will also assemble all the nations, ²
And bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, [JE-
HOVAH WILL JUDGE]

And I will there enter into judgment with them,
For my people, and my heritage Israel,
Whom they scattered among the nations,
And portioned out my land.

They even cast lots for my people; ³
And they gave a boy for a harlot,
And a damsel they sold for wine, that they might drink.

And what have ye also to do with me, ⁴
O Tyre and Zidon, and all ye borders of Philistia?
Would ye make retribution upon me?

If ye would make retribution on me,
Speedily, swiftly will I bring again your retribution upon
your own head;

Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, ⁵
And my desirable good things ye have carried into your
own temples;

And the sons of Judah, and the sons of Jerusalem ⁶
Ye have sold to the sons of the Greeks,
That ye might remove them far from their border.

Lo, I am about to raise them up from the place whither ⁷
ye have sold them,

And I will bring your retribution upon your own head,
And I will sell your sons and your daughters ⁸
Into the hands of the children of Judah,

And they shall sell them to the Sabæans, to a distant
nation;

For Jehovah hath spoken *it*.

Proclaim ye this among the nations; ⁹
Prepare war, rouse up the mighty men,
Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.

Beat your plough-shares into swords, ¹⁰
And your pruning hooks into spears:
Let the weak say, "I am strong."

- 11 Collect yourselves, and come, all ye nations around,
And gather yourselves together :
Thither bring down thy mighty ones, O Jehovah !
- 12 Let all the nations be aroused, and come up to the valley
of Jehoshaphat ;
For there will I sit to judge all the nations around.
- 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe :
Come ye, descend,
For the wine press is full, the vats overflow ;
For great is their wickedness.
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision ;
For the day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision.
- 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened,
And the stars shall withdraw their shining ;
- 16 And Jehovah will roar from Zion,
And from Jerusalem he will utter his voice,
And the heavens and the earth shall shake :
But Jehovah will be the refuge of his people,
And the strength of the sons of Israel.
- 17 And ye shall know that I, Jehovah, am your God,
Dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain ;
And Jerusalem shall be holy,
And strangers shall no more pass through her.
- 18 And in that day,
The mountains shall drop down new wine,
And the hills shall flow with milk,
And all the channels of Judah shall flow with water,
And a fountain shall come forth from the house of Jehovah,
And shall water the valley of Shittim.
- 19 Egypt shall be a desolation,
And Edom shall be a desolate wilderness,
For the violence done to the sons of Judah,
Because they shed innocent blood in their land.
- 20 But Judah shall dwell for ever,
And Jerusalem from generation to generation.
- 21 And I will avenge the blood which I have not avenged,
And Jehovah will dwell in Zion.

THE BOOK OF AMOS.

CHAP. I.—The words of Amos, who was among the¹ shepherds of Tekoa, which came to him in vision, concerning Israel, in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said,

Jehovah will roar from Zion,
And from Jerusalem he will utter his voice;
And the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn,
And the top of Carmel shall wither.

Thus saith Jehovah,
For three transgressions of Damascus,
And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it*:
Because with threshing wains of iron they threshed
Gilead:

But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael,
And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad.
And I will break the bars of Damascus,
And I will cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven,
And him who holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden.
And the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir,
Saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah,
For three transgressions of Gaza,
And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it*;
Because they carried into captivity a whole captive people,
To deliver them up to Edom:
But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza,
Which shall devour its palaces;
And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod,
And him who holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon;

And I will turn my hand against Ekron ;
 And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,
 Saith the Lord Jehovah.

- 9 Thus saith Jehovah,
 For three transgressions of Tyre,
 And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it*,
 Because they delivered up a whole captive people to
 Edom,
 And remembered not the covenant of brothers :
 10 But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre,
 And it shall devour its palaces.

- 11 Thus saith Jehovah,
 For three transgressions of Edom,
 And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it* ;
 Because with the sword he pursued his brother,
 And cast away all his pity,
 And tore in pieces continually *in his anger*,
 And kept his wrath for ever :
 12 But I will send a fire upon Teman,
 And it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

- 13 Thus saith Jehovah,
 For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon,
 And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it*,
 Because they ripped up the women with child of Gilead,
 That they might enlarge their boundary :
 14 But I will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah,
 And it shall devour its palaces,
 Amidst shouting in a day of battle,
 Amidst whirlwind in a day of tempest :
 15 And their king shall go into captivity,
 He and his princes together,
 Saith Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. II.—Thus saith Jehovah,
 For three transgressions of Moab,
 And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it*,
 Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into
 lime :
 2 But I will send a fire on Moab,
 And it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth ;

And Moab shall die amidst tumult ;
 Amidst shouting, and amidst the sound of the trumpet :
 And I will cut off the judge from the midst of it, 3
 And all its princes I will slay with him,
 Saith Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah, 4
 For three transgressions of Judah,
 And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it* ;
 Because they have despised the law of Jehovah,
 And his statutes they have not kept,
 And their false *gods* have caused them to err,
 After whom their fathers walked ;
 But I will send a fire on Judah, 5
 And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Thus saith Jehovah, 6
 For three transgressions of Israel,
 And for four, I will not revoke *the decree respecting it* ;
 Because they have sold the righteous man for silver,
 And the needy in exchange for a pair of sandals ;
 Who earnestly desire *to see* the dust of the earth on the 7
 head of the poor ;
 And turn aside the way of the afflicted ;
 And a man and his father go unto the *same* maiden,
 To pollute my holy name.
 And on garments taken in pledge they stretch themselves, 8
 Near every altar,
 And drink the wine of those whom they have condemned
 in fines,
 In the house of their god.

Yet I, myself, destroyed the Amorite before them, 9
 Whose height was as the height of cedars,
 And who was strong as the terebinths ;
 Yet I destroyed their fruit from above,
 And their roots from beneath.
 And I, myself, brought you up from the land of Egypt, 10
 And led you in the wilderness forty years,
 To take possession of the land of the Amorite.
 And I raised up some of your sons to be prophets, 11
 And some of your young men to be Nazarites.
 Has it not been thus, ye sons of Israel ?
 Saith Jehovah.
 But ye caused the Nazarites to drink wine ; 12
 And to the prophets ye gave a charge, saying,

‘Prophecy not.’

- 13 Lo, I am about to press you downwards,
As a loaded wain presseth the sheaves.
14 And flight shall perish from the swift,
And the strong man shall not strengthen his force,
And the mighty man shall not deliver himself;
15 And he who handleth the bow shall not stand,
And the swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*;
And he who rideth a horse shall not deliver himself.
16 And he who is strongest of heart among the mighty
Shall flee away naked in that day,
Saith Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. III.—Hear this word which Jehovah hath
spoken
Concerning you, O children of Israel,
Concerning all the family that I brought up from the land
of Egypt, saying,
2 “You only have I known
Of all the families of the earth:
Therefore will I visit upon you all your iniquities.”
3 Can two walk together
Unless they are agreed?
4 Will a lion roar in the forest,
When he hath no prey?
Will a young lion cry from his den,
Unless he hath taken *prey*?
5 Can a bird fall into a snare upon the ground,
When no springe is set for it?
Will the fowler take up a snare from the ground,
When it hath taken nothing?
6 Will a trumpet be blown in a city,
When the people are not alarmed?
Will there be evil in a city
When Jehovah hath not inflicted it?
7 Surely the Lord Jehovah doeth nothing,
But he revealeth his secret counsel to his servants **the**
prophets.
8 The lion roareth, who will not fear?
The Lord Jehovah speaketh, who will not prophecy?
9 Publish on the palaces in Ashdod,
And on the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say,

Assemble ye on the mountains of Samaria,
 And see the great tumults within her,
 And the oppressed in the midst of her ;
 And they know not to do right, saith Jehovah, 10
 Who treasure up violence and spoil in their palaces.
 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, 11
 An adversary shall encompass the land,
 And shall bring down thy strength from thee,
 And thy palaces shall be spoiled.

Thus saith Jehovah, 12
 As the shepherd rescueth from the mouth of a lion,
 Two legs, or a portion of an ear ;
 So shall the sons of Israel be rescued,
 Who sit in Samaria on the corner of a couch,
 And on a damask mattress.

Hear ye and testify to the house of Jacob, 13
 Saith the Lord Jehovah, the God of Hosts,
 Surely in the day when I visit the transgressions of Israel 14
 upon him,
 I will also visit the altars of Bethel ;
 And the horns of the altar shall be cut off,
 And shall fall to the ground.
 And I will smite the winter-house with the summer- 15
 house ;
 And the houses of ivory shall be destroyed,
 And the great houses shall have an end,
 Saith Jehovah.

CHAP. IV.—Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, 1
 That are on the mountain of Samaria ;
 That oppress the poor, that crush the needy,
 That say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.
 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by his holiness, 2
 That lo, the days are coming upon you,
 When ye shall be taken away with hooks,
 And your posterity with fish-hooks.
 And by the breaches ye shall go out, every woman *at that* 3
which is before her ;
 And ye shall be sent to the palace, saith Jehovah.
 Go to Bethel and transgress ; 4
 At Gilgal multiply transgression ;
 And bring every morning your sacrifices,
 Every third year your tithes.

- 5 And burn leavened bread for a thank-offering,
And proclaim freewill-offerings, publish them ;
For thus ye love to do, ye children of Israel,
Saith the Lord Jehovah.
- 6 And yet I have given to you
Cleanness of teeth in all your cities,
And want of bread in all your places :
Yet ye have not returned to me,
Saith Jehovah.
- 7 I have also withholden from you the rain,
When there were yet three months to the harvest ;
And I have caused it to rain upon one city,
And upon another city I have caused it not to rain :
One portion hath been rained upon,
And a portion on which it hath not rained hath withered.
- 8 And two *or* three cities have gone to another city,
To drink water, and have not been satisfied :
Yet ye have not returned to me,
Saith Jehovah.
- 9 I have smitten you with a scorching wind and mildew ;
The multitude of your gardens, your vineyards,
Your fig-trees and your olive-trees
The gezem-loeust hath eaten :
Yet ye have not returned to me,
Saith Jehovah.
- 10 I have sent among you the pestilence, after the manner
of Egypt :
I have slain your young men with the sword,
And I have sent into captivity your horses ;
And I have brought up the stench of your camp into your
nostrils :
Yet ye have not returned to me,
Saith Jehovah.
- 11 I have overthrown some amongst you as in the great
overthrow,
The overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah ;
And ye have been as a brand rescued from the burn-
ing :
Yet ye have not returned to me,
Saith Jehovah.
- 12 Therefore thus will I do to thee, O Israel ;
Because I will do this to thee,
Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

For, lo ! he it is who formeth the mountains and createth the wind,
 And declareth to man his thought ;
 Who maketh the morning *and* darkness,
 And treadeth upon the high places of the earth :
 Jehovah, God of Hosts, is his name.

CHAP. V.—Hear ye this word, which I utter concerning you ;

A lamentation, O house of Israel.

“ She is fallen, she shall rise no more, 2

The virgin of Israel !

She is stretched out on her land,

No one shall raise her up.”

For thus saith the Lord Jehovah ; 3

The city which went out a thousand, shall have a remnant
 of a hundred,

And that which went out a hundred, shall have a remnant
 of ten,

Of the house of Israel.

For thus saith Jehovah to the house of Israel, 4

Seek me, and ye shall live.

But seek not Bethel, 5

And go not to Gilgal,

And pass not over to Beersheba ;

For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,

And Bethel shall come to nought.

Seek Jehovah and ye shall live ; 6

Lest he rush like fire on the house of Joseph,

And devour it, and no one quench it in Bethel.

Ye who turn justice into wormwood, 7

And cast down justice to the ground,

Seek Him who hath made the Pleiades and Orion, 8

And turneth the shadow of death into morning,

And darkeneth the day into night ;

Who calleth for the waters of the sea,

And poureth them upon the face of the earth ;

(Jehovah is his name.) 9

Who strengtheneth destruction against the strong,

And bringeth destruction upon the fortress.

They hate him who reproveth in the gate, 10

And him who speaketh uprightly they abhor.

Wherefore, since ye trample on the poor, 11

- And receive from him a gift of wheat ;
 Though ye have built houses of hewn stone,
 Ye shall not dwell in them ;
 Though ye have planted delightful vineyards,
 Ye shall not drink their wine.
- 12 For I know your manifold transgressions,
 And your mighty sins,
 Ye who distress the just, ye who take a bribe :
 And they turn aside the poor in the gate.
- 13 Therefore the prudent at that time will be silent ;
 Because it is an evil time.
- 14 Seek good and not evil, that ye may live ;
 For so Jehovah God of Hosts will be with you,
 As ye have said.
- 15 Hate evil, and love good,
 And establish justice in the gate :
 It may be that Jehovah God of hosts will be gracious
 To the remnant of Joseph.
- 16 Therefore, thus saith Jehovah,
 The God of hosts, the Lord,
 In all broad places shall be wailing,
 And in all streets they shall say, Alas ! Alas !
 And they shall call the husbandman to mourning,
 And those who are skilful in lamentation to wailing.
- 17 Even in all vineyards shall be wailing :
 For I will pass through the midst of thee,
 Saith Jehovah.
- 18 Alas for those who desire the day of Jehovah !
 What to you is the day of Jehovah ?
 It will be darkness and not light.
- 19 As if a man should flee from a lion,
 And a bear should meet him :
 Or should go into a house and lean on the wall,
 And a serpent should bite him.
- 20 Will not the day of Jehovah be darkness and not light ?
 Even thick darkness, and no brightness in it.
- 21 I hate, I despise your feasts,
 And I will not be appeased by your days of restraint.
- 22 Although ye offer to me burnt offerings with your meal-
 offerings,
 I will not accept *them* :
 And the peace-offerings of your fat beasts,

I will not regard.

Take away from me the noise of thy songs, 23

And let me not hear the melody of thy lutes.

But let justice roll down as water, 24

And equity as an ever-flowing stream.

Did ye present to me sacrifices and meal-offerings in the 25
wilderness,

During forty years, O house of Israel ?

And *now* ye carry the shrine of your Moloch, 26

And Chiun, your images ;

The star of your god, which ye have made for your-
selves.

Therefore, I will cause you to go into captivity beyond
Damascus,

Saith Jehovah, who name is the God of hosts.

CHAP. VI.—Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, 1

And who rest secure on the mountain of Samaria ;

Chiefs of the first of nations,

And to whom the house of Israel resort !

Pass over to Calneh, and see : 2

And go thence to the great Hamath ;

And go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are they better than these kingdoms ?

Or is their boundary greater than your boundary, 3

Ye who put far away the evil day *from your thoughts*,

But cause the seat of violence to come near ? 4

Who lie upon beds of ivory,

And stretch themselves upon their couches,

And eat lambs from the flock,

And calves from the fattening-stall ; 5

Who chant to the sound of the lute ;

Like David, invent for themselves instruments of music ;

Who drink wine in bowls, 6

And anoint themselves with the choicest ointments,

But are not pained for the affliction of Joseph.

Therefore, now shall they go into captivity at the head of 7
the captives,

And the shouting of those who stretch themselves shall
pass away.

The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by himself ;

Saith Jehovah, God of hosts,

I abhor the excellency of Jacob,

And I hate his palaces :

Therefore will I deliver up the city, and all that is therein.

9 And if there remain ten men in one house,
They shall die.

10 And their kinsman shall take them up, with him who
burneth him,
To carry the bones out of the house,
And shall say to him who is in the innermost part of the
house,

“ Is there any one remaining with thee ? ”

And he shall say, No one.

Then shall he say, “ Be silent ;

For we may not mention the name of Jehovah.”

11 For lo, Jehovah commandeth ;
And he will smite the great house with breaches,
And the small house with clefts.

12 Do horses run upon a rock ?
Doth *a man* plough *it* with oxen ?

But ye have turned judgment into wormwood,
And the fruit of equity into hemlock,

13 Ye who rejoice in a thing of nought,
Who say, Have we not by our own strength taken to our-
selves horns ?

14 Surely, lo, I am about to raise up against you, O house
of Israel,

A nation, which shall oppress you,

From the entrance of Hamath to the river of the desert.

1 CHAP. VII.—Thus the Lord Jehovah showed to me ;
and lo, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting
up of the latter growth ; and lo, it was the latter growth
2 after the movings for the king. And when they had eaten
up the herbage of the land, I said,

O Lord Jehovah, pardon I beseech thee ;
Who shall raise up Jacob ? for he is small.

3 Jehovah repented of this.

It shall not be, said the Lord Jehovah.

4 Thus the Lord Jehovah showed to me ; and lo, the Lord
Jehovah called for a contention by fire, that it might con-
5 sume the great deep, and it devoured a part. Then I said,

O Lord Jehovah, cease, I beseech thee.

Who shall raise up Jacob ? for he is small.

Jehovah repented of this.

6

Even this shall not be, said the Lord Jehovah.

Thus he showed me ; and the Lord was standing by a 7
wall *built* by a plumb-line, and in his hand was a plumb-
line. And Jehovah said to me, What seest thou, Amos ? 8
And I said, A plumb-line : and the Lord said,

Lo, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people
Israel :

I will no more pass by them ;

And the high places of Isaac shall be desolated, 9

And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste ;

And I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with a
sword.

Then Amaziah, priest of Bethel, sent to Jeroboam, king 10
of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the
midst of the house of Israel ; the land is not able to bear all
his word. For thus saith Amos, 11

By the sword shall Jeroboam die,

And Israel shall surely go into captivity, out of their own
land.

Then said Amaziah to Amos, O seer, go, flee away to the 12
land of Judah, and eat bread there, and there prophecy ;
but in Bethel prophecy not any more ; for it is the king's 13
sanctuary, and it is the royal house.

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, 14

I was no prophet,

Nor was I a son of a prophet ;

But I was a herdsman, and a piercer of sycamore fruit ;

And Jehovah took me from following the flock, 15

And Jehovah said to me,

Go, prophecy to my people Israel.

And now, hear thou the word of Jehovah : 16

Thou hast said, Prophecy not against Israel,

And drop not *a word* against the house of Isaac.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah ; 17

Thy wife shall be defiled in the city,

And thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword,

And thy land shall be divided by line,

And thou shalt die in a polluted land ;

And Israel shall surely go into captivity out of his own
land.

CHAP. VIII.—Thus the Lord Jehovah showed to me ; 1

2 and lo, a basket of autumn-fruit. And he said, What seest thou, Amos ? And I said, A basket of autumn-fruit. And Jehovah said to me,

The end is coming upon my people Israel ;
I will no more pass by them ;

3 And the songs of the palaces shall be howlings in that day,

Saith the Lord Jehovah.

Many shall be the dead bodies in every place,
They shall cast them out *in* silence.

4 Hear this ye who would devour the poor,
To cause the distressed of the land to fail, saying,
5 When will the new moon be gone that we may sell corn,
And the Sabbath, that we may open out wheat ?
Making the ephah small, and the shekel great,
And falsifying the balance by deceit ;

6 Buying the poor with silver,
And the needy for a pair of sandals ;
And that we may sell the refuse of the wheat.
7 Jehovah hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob,
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds,
8 For this shall not the land be shaken,
And every one mourn who dwelleth in it ?
And *shall it not* rise up, all of it, as the Nile,
And be agitated and overwhelmed,
As by the Nile of Egypt ?

9 And in that day, saith the Lord Jehovah,
I will cause the sun to go down at noon,
And I will darken the land in the bright day ;
10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning,
And all your songs into lamentation ;
And I will put sackcloth upon all loins,
And baldness upon every head ;
And I will make it as a mourning for an only son,
And the end of it as a bitter day.

11 Behold the days are coming, saith the Lord Jehovah,
That I will send a famine on the land ;
Not a famine of bread,
Nor a thirst for water,
But of hearing the words of Jehovah :
12 And *men* shall wander from sea to sea,
And from the north to the east they shall run to and fro,
To seek the word of Jehovah,

But they shall not find it.
 In that day the fair virgins shall faint, 13
 And the young men for thirst ;
 They who swear by the trespass of Samaria, 14
 And say, As thy god, O Dan, liveth,
 And, As liveth the rite of Beersheba !
 And they shall fall, and rise up no more.

CHAP. IX.—I saw Jehovah standing by the altar ; and 1
 he said,

Smite the upper-lintel, that the doorposts may shake ;
 And cut them, *that they may fall* on the head of all.
 And the rest of them I will slay with the sword :
 He of them who fleeth shall not flee away,
 And he of them who seeketh to escape, shall not escape.
 Though they dig down to the lowermost world, 2
 Thence my hand shall take them ;
 And though they climb up to the heavens,
 Thence will I bring them down.
 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, 3
 I will search, and thence will I take them ;
 And though they hide themselves from mine eyes in the
 bottom of the sea,
 There will I command the serpent to bite them.
 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, 4
 There will I command the sword to slay them.
 And I will set mine eyes upon them,
 For evil, and not for good.
 For the Lord Jehovah of Hosts 5
 Is he who toucheth the land and it melteth,
 And all who dwell therein mourn,
 And all of it riseth up as the Nile,
 And is overwhelmed as by the Nile of Egypt ;
 Who buildeth his upper chamber in the heavens, 6
 And foundeth his vault on the earth ;
 Who calleth to the waters of the sea,
 And poureth them over the face of the earth ;
 Jehovah is his name.

Are ye not to me as the sons of the Ethiopians, 7
 O sons of Israel ? saith Jehovah.
 Did I not bring up Israel out of the land of Egypt,
 And the Philistines from Caphtor,
 And the Syrians from Kir ?

- 8 Lo, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah are upon the sinful kingdom;
And I will destroy it from off the face of the earth;
Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,
Saith Jehovah.
- 9 For lo, I will command,
And I will sift the house of Israel among all nations,
As one sifteth with a sieve,
And not a grain falleth upon the ground.
- 10 By the sword shall all the sinners of my people die,
Who say, the evil shall not overtake nor meet us.
- 11 In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that hath fallen,
And I will close up its breaches,
And its ruins I will raise up,
And will build it as in the days of old;
12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom,
And all the nations which are called by my name,
Saith Jehovah, who doeth this.
- 13 Lo, the days are coming, saith Jehovah,
When the ploughman shall come near to the reaper,
And he who treadeth the grapes to him who soweth the seed;
And the mountains shall drop new wine,
And all the hills shall flow *therewith*.
- 14 And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel,
And they shall rebuild the cities laid waste, and inhabit *them*;
And they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine of them;
And they shall make gardens and eat the fruit of them.
- 15 And I will plant them upon their land,
And they shall no more be rooted up
From off the land which I give to them,
Saith Jehovah thy God.

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH.

The vision of Obadiah.

1

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom,
(We have heard a report from Jehovah
And an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying*,
" Rise ye, and let us rise against her in battle.")

Lo, I will make thee the smallest of the nations,
Thou shalt be greatly despised.

2

The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee,
Thou who dwellest in the regions of rocks,
Whose dwelling is on high.

3

He hath said in his heart,
" Who shall bring me down to the ground ? "

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle,
And though thou place thy nest among the stars,
Thence I will bring thee down, saith Jehovah.

4

If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night,
(How art thou made desolate !)

5

Would they not steal *only* what was sufficient for them ?
If grape-gatherers came to thee,
Would they not leave clusters ?

How is Esau searched out !

6

His hidden *treasures* earnestly sought for !

All thine allies have brought thee to the border ;
They have deceived thee, they have prevailed against thee ;
The men who were at peace with thee, *who ate thy*
bread,

7

They have placed a snare under thee.

There is no understanding in him ;
Shall it not be in that day, saith Jehovah,

8

- That I will destroy the wise men from Edom,
And understanding out of mount Esau ?
- 9 And thy mighty men shall be dismayed, O Teman,
So that every one shall be cut off from mount Esau.
- 10 For slaughter, for violence against thy brother Jacob,
Shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for
ever.
- 11 In the day when thou didst stand against *him*,
In the day when strangers carried captive his forces,
And foreigners entered his gates,
And cast lots for Jerusalem,
Even thou wast as one of them.
- 12 But thou shouldst not have looked *with pleasure* on the
day of thy brother,
In the day when he became an alien ;
Nor have rejoiced over the sorrow of Judah,
In the day when they were destroyed ;
Neither shouldst thou have mocked in the day of dis-
tress.
- 13 Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my
people,
In the day of their calamity :
Yea, thou shouldst not have looked *with pleasure* on his
affliction,
In the day of his calamity ;
Nor shouldst thou have put forth *thy hand* on his sub-
stance,
In the day of his calamity.
- 14 Nor shouldst thou have stood at the division of the
roads,
To cut off those who had escaped ;
Nor shouldst thou have delivered up those of his who
remained,
In the day of distress.
- 15 But near is the day of Jehovah upon all the nations ;
As thou hast done, it shall be done to thee ;
Thy dealing shall return upon thine own head.
- 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain,
All the nations around shall drink unceasingly ;
They shall both drink and exhaust *the cup*,
And they shall be as though they had not been.
- 17 But on mount Zion shall be a deliverance,
And it shall be holy ;

And the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, 18

And the house of Joseph a flame,

And the house of Esau stubble;

And they shall kindle them and consume them,

And there shall be no remnant of the house of Esau;

For Jehovah hath spoken *it*.

And *they of* the south shall possess mount Esau, 19

And *they of* the low country the Philistines:

And they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria,

And Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

And the former captivity of the sons of Israel 20

Shall possess what the Canaanites *had* unto Zarephath;

And the captivity of Jerusalem, which is now in Sepharad,

Shall possess the cities of the south.

And deliverers shall come up to mount Zion, 21

To judge the mount of Esau;

And Jehovah's shall the kingdom be.

THE BOOK OF JONAH.

1 CHAP. I.—Now the word of Jehovah came to Jonah,
2 the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great
city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up
3 before me. But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the
presence of Jehovah; and he went down to Joppa, and found
a ship going to Tarshish, and he paid the fare thereof, and
went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the
presence of Jehovah.

4 And Jehovah sent forth a great wind upon the sea, and
there was a great tempest in the sea, so that the ship was in
5 danger of being broken in pieces. Then the mariners were
afraid, and cried out each to his god, and cast forth the
wares that were in the ship into the sea to lighten it of
them; but Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship,
6 and had lain down, and was fast asleep. So the master of
the ship came to him, and said to him, What meanest thou,
O sleeper? arise, call upon thy god. It may be that God
7 will think upon us, that we perish not. And they said one
to another, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for
whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the
8 lot fell upon Jonah. Then said they to him, Tell us, now,
for whose cause this evil is upon us. What is thine occu-
pation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and
of what people art thou? And he said unto them, I am a
Hebrew; and I revere Jehovah, the God of the heavens, who
hath made the sea and the dry land.

Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him,
Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he had
fled from the presence of Jehovah, because he had told

them. Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto 11 thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? For the sea became more and more tempestuous. And he said unto 12 them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that on my account this great tempest is upon you. Nevertheless, the men 13 rowed hard to bring *the ship* to the land; but they could not: for the sea became more and more tempestuous against them. Therefore they cried to Jehovah, and said, We be- 14 seech thee, O Jehovah, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Jehovah, hast done as it pleased thee. Then they took up Jonah, 15 and cast him forth into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared Jehovah exceedingly, and 16 offered a sacrifice unto Jehovah, and vowed vows.

Now Jehovah had prepared a great fish to swallow up 17 \ Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAP. II.—Then Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God 1 from the belly of the fish. And he said,

I called by reason of my distress to Jehovah, and he hath 2 heard me;

From the belly of the grave I cried, and thou hast heard my voice.

For thou didst cast me into the deep, into the heart of the 3 sea,

And the flood encompassed me:

All thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

And I said, I am cast out from before thine eyes; 4

Yet shall I again look to thy holy temple.

The waters surrounded me to *the danger of* my life; 5

The deep encompassed me, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

I went down to the roots of the mountains; 6

The bars of the earth were about me for ever:

But thou hast brought up my life from destruction,

O Jehovah my God!

When my soul fainted within me 7

I remembered Jehovah,

And my prayer came unto thee,

Unto thy holy temple.

- 8 They that honour lying vanities
 Forsake the giver of their mercy.
 9 But I, with the voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to
 thee ;
 That which I have vowed I will pay.
 Deliverance is from Jehovah.

- 10 And Jehovah spake to the fish, and it cast out Jonah
 upon the dry land.

- 1 CHAP. III.—And the word of Jehovah came to Jonah
 2 the second time, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great
 city, and proclaim to it the proclamation that I bid
 3 thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according
 to the word of Jehovah. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly
 4 great city, a journey of three days. And Jonah began to
 go through the city a day's journey ; and he cried, and said,
 5 Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. And the
 people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and
 put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least
 6 of them. For the word came to the king of Nineveh, and
 he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and
 covered *himself* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And it
 7 was proclaimed and published through Nineveh, by the decree
 of the king and his nobles, saying, " Let neither man nor
 beast, herd nor flock, taste anything ; let them not feed, nor
 8 drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sack-
 cloth, and cry mightily unto God : yea, let them turn every
 one from his evil way, and from the violence, that is in their
 9 hands. Who knoweth *if* God will turn and repent, and
 turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not ?"
 10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their
 evil way ; and God repented of the evil that he had said that
 he would do unto them ; and he did *it* not.

- 1 CHAP. IV.—But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he
 2 was very angry. And he prayed to Jehovah and said, I
 beseech thee, O Jehovah, was not this my saying when I was
 yet in my country ? Therefore I made haste to flee to Tar-
 shish : for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and mer-
 ciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest
 3 thee of the evil. Therefore now, O Jehovah, take, I beseech

thee, my life from me : for it is better for me to die than to live. Then said Jehovah, Dost thou well to be angry ? 4

Now Jonah had gone out of the city, and sat on the east 5 side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. And Jehovah prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come 6 up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his grief. And Jonah rejoiced greatly because of the gourd. But God prepared a worm, when the morning 7 dawned the next day, and it smote the gourd so that it withered. And when the sun arose, God prepared a scorch- 8 ing east wind ; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he was faint, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. And God said to 9 Jonah, Dost thou well to be angry for the gourd ? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death. Then said 10 Jehovah, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow ; which came up in a night, and perished in a night : And I, should not I have 11 pity on Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than six-score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand ; and *also* much cattle ?

THE BOOK OF MICAH.

1 CHAP. I.—The word of Jehovah which came to Micah the Morasthite, in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, kings of Judah; which he received in vision concerning Samaria and Jerusálem.

- 2 Hear all ye peoples,
Attend, O earth, and all who dwell therein;
And the Lord Jehovah will be a witness against you;
Jehovah from his holy temple.
- 3 For, lo, Jehovah is coming from his place,
And he will descend, and tread upon the high places of the
earth;
- 4 And the mountains shall be molten under him,
And the vallies shall be cleft,
As wax before the fire,
As waters pouring down a steep place.
- 5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this,
And for the sin of the house of Israel.
What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria?
And what are the high places? Are they not Jerusalem?
- 6 Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of the field,
A place for the planting of a vineyard:
And I will throw down her stones into the valley,
And discover her foundations.
- 7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces,
And *the gains of* all her hirings shall be burnt in the fire,
And all her idols I will make a desolation;
For from the hire of a harlot she collected *them*,
And to the hire of a harlot shall they return.
- 8 For this I lament and howl;

I go stripped and naked :
 I make a wailing like jackals,
 And mourning like the ostriches.
 For her wound is mortal ; 9
 For it hath come to Judah ;
 It hath reached the gate of my people,
 To Jerusalem.
 Tell it not in Gath ; 10
 Weep not in Akko ;
 Roll thyself in the dust in Beth-Leophrah.
 Pass on thou inhabitant of Saphir, naked, ashamed ; 11
 Let not the inhabitant of Zaanan come forth ;
 The wailing of Beth-ezel shall take from you an abiding
 place therein.
 Surely in pain for *lost* good shall be the inhabitant of 12
 Maroth.
 For evil from Jehovah hath come down to the gate of Je-
 rusalem.
 Bind the chariot to the swift horse, O inhabitant of 13
 Lachish :
 The beginning of sin hath she been to the daughter of
 Zion :
 For in thee were found the transgressions of Israel.
 Therefore shalt thou give parting presents to Morisheth- 14
 gath :
 The houses of Achzib shall be false to the kings of
 Israel.
 Yet will I bring a new possessor to thee, O inhabitant of 15
 Mareslah :
 The glory of Israel shall go to Adullam.
 Make thee bald, and cut off thy hair for the children of 16
 thy delight ;
 Enlarge thy baldness as the eagle :
 For they are gone from thee into captivity.

CHAP. II.—Woe to them who devise iniquity, 1
 And who work evil on their beds !
 In the light of the morning they do it,
 Because it is in the power of their hand.
 And they covet fields, and seize *them*, 2
 And houses, and take them away ;
 And they oppress a man and his house,
 Even a man and his inheritance.

- 3 Therefore thus saith Jehovah,
Lo, I am devising an evil against this family,
From which ye shall not remove your necks ;
Neither shall ye walk erect :
For it shall be an evil time.
- 4 In that day a proverb shall be taken up against you,
And a grievous lamentation shall be made, saying,
We are utterly laid waste ;
The portion of my people He hath changed ;
How hath he removed it from me !
He divideth our fields to him that turneth away.
- 5 Therefore thou shalt have none that stretcheth out the
line for a lot
In the congregation of Jehovah.
- 6 *Ye say*, " Prophecy not, ye who prophecy."
Let them not prophecy to these ;
Yet shall not disgrace depart.
- 7 Doth the house of Jacob say,
" Is Jehovah wrathful ?
Are these his doings ?"
Are not my words good,
With him who walketh uprightly ?
- 8 But heretofore my people hath been set up as an enemy :
From the vest ye strip off the mantle,
From those who are passing on securely, turning away
from warfare.
- 9 The women of my people ye drive out from their pleasant
habitations,
And from their children ye take away my glory for ever.
- 10 Arise ye and depart ; for this is not your resting place :
Because it is polluted it shall be destroyed,
And the destruction shall be grievous.
- 11 If a man going about in a spirit of falsehood should lie,
saying,
" I will prophecy to thee of wine and of strong drink ;"
Then he will be the prophet of this people.
- 12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee ;
I will surely gather together the remnant of Israel ;
Together will I put them, like sheep in a strait place,
As a flock within their fold :
They shall be tumultuous by reason of *the multitude of*
men.
- 13 He that breaketh through goeth before them :

They have broken through and passed the gate,
 And are gone forth by it;
 And their king passeth on before them,
 Even Jehovah at their head.

CHAP. III.—Again I said, 1
 Hear now ye chiefs of Jacob,
 And ye judges of the house of Israel;
 Is it not for you to know judgment?
 Yet ye are haters of good, 2
 And lovers of evil;
 Tearing their skin from off them,
 And their flesh from off their bones;
 Who eat the flesh of my people, 3
 And strip their skin from off them;
 And break their bones,
 And cut them in pieces, as *flesh* for the pot,
 Even as flesh within the caldron.

Then will they cry to Jehovah, but he will not answer 4
 them.

He will even hide his face from them at that time,
 Because they have been evil in their doings.

Thus saith Jehovah concerning the prophets who cause 5
 my people to err,
 Who bite with their teeth while they cry 'Peace:'
 And whoever putteth not into their mouths,
 Against him they even proclaim war.
 Therefore it shall be night to you, because there is no 6
 vision;
 And darkness because there is no divination.
 And the sun shall go down upon the prophets,
 And dark shall the day be over them.

Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners con- 7
 founded;

And they shall cover their lip, all of them,
 Because there is no answer from God.
 But truly I am full of power, 8
 Of the spirit of Jehovah, and of judgment, and of might,
 To declare to Jacob his transgression,
 And to Israel his sin.

Hear ye this, now, ye chiefs of the house of Jacob, 9
 And ye judges of the house of Israel,
 Ye who abhor judgment,

- And pervert all that is right ;
 10 Who build up Zion by blood,
 And Jerusalem by iniquity.
 11 Her chiefs judge for reward,
 And her priests teach for hire,
 And her prophets divine for silver.
 Yet they lean upon Jehovah, saying,
 Is not Jehovah in the midst of us ?
 Evil shall not come upon us.
 12 Therefore, because of you, Zion shall be ploughed as
 a field ;
 And Jerusalem shall be heaps ;
 And the mountain of the house, high places of a forest.

- 1 CHAP. IV.—But in the latter days it shall come to
 pass,
 That the mountain of the house of Jehovah
 Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
 And shall be exalted above the hills ;
 And peoples shall flow into it.
 2 And many nations shall come and say,
 Come and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah,
 And to the house of the God of Jacob ;
 And he will teach us his ways,
 And we will walk in his paths.
 For from Zion shall go forth the law,
 And the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.
 3 And he shall judge among many peoples,
 And arbitrate for strong nations afar off ;
 And they shall beat their swords into plough-shares,
 And their spears into pruning hooks :
 Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation,
 Nor shall they learn war any more.
 4 But they shall sit every man under his own vine,
 And under his own fig-tree ;
 And none shall make them afraid :
 For the mouth of Jehovah of Hosts hath spoken it.
 5 Though all the peoples walk
 Every one in the name of his god,
 Yet we will walk in the name of Jehovah our God,
 For ever and ever.
 6 In that day, saith Jehovah,
 I will gather up the halting,

And those driven away I will assemble,
 And those whom I have afflicted ;
 And I will make the halting a remnant, 7
 And those cast far away a strong nation ;
 And Jehovah shall reign over them in mount Zion,
 Thenceforth and for ever. .
 And thou, O Migdol-Eder, 8
 Fortress of the daughter of Zion !
 To thee shall it be, and the former dominion shall come ;
Even the kingdom to the daughter of Jerusalem.
 Now why dost thou cry out aloud ? 9
 Is there no king in thee ?
 Hath thy counsellor perished,
 That pangs have seized thee like a woman in child-birth ?
 Be in pangs, and bring forth with throes, 10
 O daughter of Zion, as a woman in child-birth.
 For soon shalt thou go forth from the city, and dwell in
 the field,
 And thou shalt go to Babylon ;
 There shalt thou be delivered ;
 There Jehovah shall redeem thee from the hand of thine
 enemies.
 And now many nations are gathered against thee, who 11
 say,
 " Let her be defiled,
 And let our eye look *with pleasure* on Zion."
 But these know not the purposes of Jehovah, 12
 Neither do they understand his counsel,
 That he hath gathered them together as a sheaf to the
 threshing-floor.
 Arise and tread them out, daughter of Zion ; 13
 For thy horn I will make iron,
 And thy hoofs I will make brass ;
 And thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples ;
 And thou shalt devote to Jehovah their gains,
 And their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.—Now gather to thyself thy troops, O 1
 daughter of troops.

He hath laid siege against us ;
 With a rod he hath smitten on the cheek
 The judge of Israel.

But thou Bethlehem-Ephratah, 2

- Too little to be *reckoned* among the thousands of Judah,
 Out of thee shall come forth to me
 He who shall be a ruler in Israel,
 And whose origin is of old, from ancient times.
- 3 He shall surely give them up until the time
 When she who travaileth shall have brought forth ;
 Then the remnant of his brethren shall return,
 Together with the sons of Israel.
- 4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of Jehovah,
 In the majesty of the name of Jehovah his God ;
 And they shall dwell *in security* :
 For now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.
- 5 And this *man* shall be safety *from* the Assyrian,
 When he shall come into our land,
 And when he shall tread in our palaces :
 Then will we raise up against him seven shepherds,
 And eight chiefs of men.
- 6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword,
 And the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof :
 Thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian,
 When he cometh into our land,
 And when he treadeth within our borders.
- 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of
 many peoples,
 As the dew from Jehovah,
 As the showers upon the grass,
 Which tarrieth not for man,
 Neither waiteth for the sons of man.
- 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be amongst the nations,
 In the midst of many peoples,
 As a lion among the beasts of the forest,
 As a young lion amongst flocks of sheep ;
 Who, if he passeth through *them*, trampleth down,
 And teareth in pieces, and no one delivereth.
- 9 Thy hand shall be lifted up over thine adversaries,
 And all thine enemies shall be cut off.
- 10 And in that day, saith Jehovah,
 I will cut off thy horses from the midst of thee,
 And I will destroy thy chariots ;
- 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land,
 And I will throw down all thy fortified cities ;
- 12 And I will cut off sorcerers from thy hand,

And thou shalt not have observers of clouds.
 And I will cut off thy graven images and thy statues from 13
 the midst of thee,
 And thou shalt no more bow down to the work of thine
 own hands;
 And I will pluck up thy groves from the midst of thee, 14
 And I will destroy thy cities.
 And in anger and in wrath I will execute vengeance 15
 On the nations who have not hearkened *unto me*.

CHAP. VI.—Hear ye now what Jehovah saith ; 1
 “ Arise, contend thou before the mountains,
 And let the hills hear thy voice.”

Hear ye, O mountains, the controversy of Jehovah, 2
 And ye strong foundations of the earth ;
 For Jehovah hath a controversy with his people,
 And he pleadeth with Israel.

O my people ! what have I done to thee ? 3
 And how have I been wearisome to thee ?
 Testify against me.

For I brought thee up from the land of Egypt, 4
 And from the house of slaves I ransomed thee ;
 And I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people ! remember now what Balak king of 5
 Moab consulted,

And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
On the way from Shittim to Gilgal ;
 That he might learn the righteousness of Jehovah.

“ Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah ? 6

And bow myself before God on high ?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,

With calves of a year old ? ”

“ Will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams ? 7

With ten thousand rivers of oil ? ”

“ Shall I *then* give my first-born *for* my transgression,

The fruit of my body as a sin-offering for my soul ? ”

“ He hath declared to thee, O man, what is good ; 8

And what doth Jehovah require from thee,

But to do justice, and to love mercy,

And to walk humbly with thy God ? ”

The voice of Jehovah crieth to the city, 9

(And well is it *with him who* feareth thy name)

- Hear ye the rod, and *him* who hath appointed it.
 10 Are there yet in the house of the wicked the treasures of
 wickedness,
 And the scanty measure *which* is abominable?
 11 Shall I count *her* pure with the wicked balances,
 And with the bag of deceitful weights?
 12 Whose rich men are full of violence,
 And whose inhabitants speak falsehood,
 And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
 13 Therefore will I also make *thee* weak in smiting thee,
 Making *thee* desolate on account of thy sins.
 14 Thou shalt eat, but shalt not be satisfied:
 Thine emptiness shall be within thee:
 Thou shalt carry off, but thou shalt not save;
 And what thou savest I will give up to the sword.
 15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap;
 Thou shalt tread the olive, but shalt not anoint thee with
 oil;
 Juice of the grape also, but thou shalt not drink wine.
 16 For every one keepeth the statutes of Omri,
 And all the deeds of the house of Ahab;
 And ye walk in their counsels,
 That I should give thee over to desolation,
 And her inhabitants to a hissing:
 So shall ye bear the reproach of my people.

- 1 CHAP. VII.—Woe to me!
 For I am as the gatherings of autumn-fruits,
 As the gleanings of the vintage:
 No cluster to eat!
 My soul desireth the early fig.
 2 The good man has perished from the land;
 And *there is* not one upright among men.
 All of them lie in wait for blood;
 They hunt every one his neighbour with a net.
 3 Their hands *are ready* for evil, to make it good:
 The prince asketh, and the judge, for a reward;
 And the great man, he uttereth his wicked desire,
 And they pervert the matter.
 4 The good man among them is as a brier,
 The upright worse than a thorn-hedge.
 The day of thy watchmen, thy visitation, is come!

Now shall be their perplexity.
 Trust ye not in a friend, 5
 Put not confidence in a guide;
 From her who lieth in thy bosom, guard the doors of thy
 mouth.
 For the son dishonoureth the father, 6
 The daughter riseth up against her mother,
 The daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law :
 The enemies of a man are the men of his own house.
 But for me, I will look to Jehovah ; 7
 I will wait for the God of my salvation ;
 My God will hear me.
 Rejoice not over me, O mine enemy : 8
 Though I fall I shall rise ;
 Though I sit in darkness,
 Jehovah will be a light to me.
 I will bear the indignation of Jehovah, 9
 Because I have sinned against him,
 Until he plead my cause,
 And execute my judgment for me :
 He will bring me forth to the light ;
 I shall see his righteousness with joy.
 Then mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her, 10
 She who said to me, Where is Jehovah thy God ?
 Mine eyes will look *with pleasure* upon her ;
 Now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.
 The day for the rebuilding of thy walls, 11
 That day shall remove far the decree ;
 That day, when he shall come to thee, 12
 From Assyria and from the fortified cities,
 And from Egypt, even to the river,
 And from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.
 Yet the land shall be a desolation, because of those who 13
 dwell in it,
 For the fruit of their doings.
 Feed thy people with thy crook, the flock of thy 14
 heritage,
 That dwell solitarily in the forest ;
 In Carmel let them feed,
 In Bashan and Gilead.
 As in the days of old,
 As in the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt, 15

I will show him marvellous things.

- 16 The nations shall see and be confounded because of all their might.

They shall put their hand upon their mouth ;
Their ears shall be deaf.

- 17 They shall lick the dust as a serpent,
As the reptiles of the ground they shall come trembling
from their holes :

To Jehovah our God they shall come with awe,
And shall be afraid of thee.

- 18 Who is a God like thee ? pardoning iniquity,
And passing by transgression in the remnant of his heritage.

He retaineth not his anger for ever,
Because he delighteth in mercy.

- 19 He will again have compassion on us, he will cover our iniquities :

Yea, into the depths of the sea thou wilt cast all their sins.

- 20 Thou wilt shew faithfulness to Jacob,
Mercy to Abraham,
Which thou didst swear to our fathers from the days of old.

THE BOOK OF NAHUM.

CHAP. I.—The prophesy concerning Nineveh. The book 1
of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

Jehovah is a God jealous and avenging ; 2
Jehovah is avenging and wrathful.
Jehovah taketh vengeance on his adversaries,
And reserveth *anger* for his enemies.
Jehovah is slow to anger, yet great in power, 3
And will by no means leave the wicked unpunished.
Jehovah—his path is in the whirlwind and in the storm ;
And the clouds are the dust of his feet.
He rebuketh the sea and maketh it dry, 4
And all the rivers he drieth up.
Bashan languisheth, and Carmel,
And the flower of Lebanon languisheth.
The mountains tremble because of him, 5
And the hills are melted,
And the earth is burned at his presence,
The world and all that dwell therein.
Who can stand before his indignation ? 6
And who can rise up in the heat of his anger ?
His fury is poured out like fire,
And the rocks are dissolved by him.
Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble ; 7
And he knoweth those who trust in him.
But with an overflowing torrent will he make an end of s
those who rise up against him,
And darkness shall pursue his enemies.
What do ye imagine against Jehovah ? 9
He will make an utter end :

The affliction shall not arise a second time.

- 10 For while *they are* as thorns twined together,
And are drunken with their own drink,
They shall be consumed as stubble fully dry.

- 11 From thee hath gone forth one devising evil against
Jehovah ;

A wicked counsellor.

- 12 Thus saith Jehovah :

Though *they be* entire and also numerous,
Yet thus shall they be cut down, and every one shall
pass away.

Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

- 13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee,
And thy bonds I will burst asunder.

- 14 But concerning thee, *O Assyrian*, Jehovah hath appointed,

“There shall be no planting of thy name any more :
The house of thy gods I will cut off,
The graven image and the molten image ;
I will make thy grave ; for thou art vile.”

- 15 Lo ! upon the mountains the feet of him who bringeth
good tidings, who announceth peace !

Keep, O Judah, thy feasts, perform thy vows :

For no more shall the wicked one pass through thee ;

- 1 He is utterly cut off. CHAP. II.—He that breaketh in
pieces is come up against thee, *O Assyrian !*

Guard the fortification ; watch the road ;

Strengthen the loins ; make thy power very firm.

- 2 For Jehovah restoreth the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel :

For the wasters have wasted them,

And their branches they have destroyed.

- 3 The shield of his mighty men is made red ;

The valiant men are *clothed* in scarlet.

Like fire *are* the steel blades of his chariots in the day of
his preparation,

And the spear-shafts of cypress are shaken.

- 4 The chariots rage in the streets,

They run to and fro in the open places :

Their appearance is like torches ;

Like lightnings they rush on.

- 5 He bethinketh him of his nobles : they stumble in their
march ;

They hasten to the wall, and the defensive covering is prepared.

The gates of the rivers are opened, 6

And the palace melts through fear.

And it is decreed ; 7

She shall be made bare, she shall be brought out,

And her maidens, sighing as with the voice of doves,

Beating upon their breasts.

Though Nineveh *hath been* like a pool of water from days of old,

Yet they shall flee away.

"Stand, stand," but no one shall look back.

Take ye the spoil of silver ; take ye the spoil of gold ; 9

For there is no end of the glorious store

Of all desirable jewels.

She is empty, and void, and waste ; 10

And the heart melteth, and the knees smite together,

And great pain is in all loins,

And the faces of all of them shall grow pale.

Where is the dwelling of lions, 11

And the feeding place of young lions,

Where the lion, the lioness roamed,

The lion's whelp, and none made them afraid ?

The lion seized prey sufficient for his whelps, 12

And strangled for his lionesses,

And filled his dens with prey,

And his dwellings with ravin.

Lo, I am against thee, saith Jehovah of Hosts, 13

And I will burn all *thy* chariots in the fire,

And thy young lions the sword shall devour ;

And I will cut off thy prey from the earth,

And the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAP. III.—Woe to the city of blood ! 1

It is made up of falsehood, it is full of rapine ;

The prey ceaseth not ;

A sound of the whip, and a sound of the rattling of the 2
wheels,

And of the stamping of horses, and of chariots bounding,

The horseman mounting, 3

And the flaming sword and the glittering spear,

And the multitude of the slain, and the great number of
carcasses ;

And there is no end of the corpses :
They stumble upon their corpses.

4 Because of the many fornications of the beautiful har-
lot,

The mistress of enchantments,
Who trafficketh in nations by her harlotries,
And in families by her enchantments ;

5 Lo, I am against thee, saith Jehovah of Hosts,
And I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face,
And I will show to the nations thy nakedness,
And to the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast upon thee abominable filth,
And I will make thee vile, and set thee up as a gazing-
stock.

7 And it shall come to pass that all who see thee shall flee
from thee, and shall say,
“ Nineveh is laid waste ! ”

Who will bemoan her ?

Whence shall I seek comforters for thee ?

8 Art thou better than No-amun
That is situated amidst the rivers,
Surrounded by the waters,
Whose rampart was the sea,
Her wall the waters ?

9 Ethiopia *was* her strength, and Egypt,
So that it was infinite.
Put and Lubim were thine auxiliaries.

10 Yet she was carried away, she went into captivity,
Her little ones were dashed in pieces at the top of all the
streets ;

And for her honourable men they cast lots,
And all her great men were bound with chains.

11 Thou also shalt be made drunk : thou shalt be hidden :
Thou also shalt seek aid against the enemy.

12 All thy strong-holds *shall be as* fig-trees with the first-ripe
figs :

If shaken they fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Lo, thy people are women within thee !
The gates of thy land are opened wide to thine enemies !
Fire devoureth thy bars !

14 Draw thee water against the siege,
Fortify thy strong-holds :
Go into the clay and tread the mortar,

Strengthen the brick-kiln.

There the fire shall consume thee, 15

The sword shall cut thee off;

It shall devour thee like the ileq-locust.

Make thyself numerous as the ileq-locust ;

Make thyself numerous as the arba-locust.

Thou hast multiplied thy merchants more than the stars 16
of heaven.

The ileq-locust spoileth and fleeth away.

Thy crowned ones are as the arba-locust, 17

And thy commanders as a multitude of migratory locusts,

Which encamp on the hedges in a cold day :

The sun ariseth, they fly away,

And their place is not known where they were.

Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria ! 18

Thy nobles dwell at home.

Thy people are scattered upon the mountains,

And no one gathereth them together.

There is no healing for thy bruise ; 19

Thy wound is grievous :

All who hear the report of thee shall clap their hands over
thee ;

For upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed con-
tinually ?

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK.

1 CHAP. I.—The prophecy which Habakkuk the prophet received in vision.

2 How long, O Jehovah, do I cry out, and thou hearest not?

How long do I complain to thee of violence, and thou dost not save?

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold trouble?

For spoiling and violence are before me,
And contention and strife are raised.

4 Therefore the law is without power,
And judgment never goeth forth.
For the wicked man compasseth about the just;
Therefore perverted judgment goeth forth.

5 See among the nations and look,
And be ye greatly astonished;
For I work a work in your days,
Which ye will not believe, if it be told *you*.

6 For lo, I raise up the Chaldeans,
The bitter and swift nation,
Which goeth through the breadth of the earth,
To possess dwelling places not their own.

7 Dreadful and terrible are they:
Their judgment and their dignity proceedeth from themselves.

8 And swifter than leopards are their horses,
And fiercer than evening wolves:
And their *horsemen* bear themselves proudly,

They come from afar ;
 They shall fly as an eagle hastening to devour.
 All of them shall come for violence. 9
 The front of their faces is towards the east,
 And they shall gather captives as the sand :
 They shall also scoff at kings, 10
 And princes shall be a derision to them.
 They shall laugh at every strong-hold ;
 And they shall heap up earth and take it.
 Then shall he rush on *as* a wind, 11
 And he shall transgress and become guilty :
 This his might is his god.
 Art thou not from everlasting, O Jehovah, 12
 My God, my Holy one ?
 We shall not die.
 O Jehovah, for judgment thou hast appointed them ;
 And for correction, *thou our* rock hast established them.
Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, 13
 And thou canst not look on iniquity.
 Why lookest thou on those who act treacherously,
 And art silent when the wicked man swalloweth up one
 more righteous than he ;
 And makest men as fishes of the sea, 14
 As reptiles, which have no ruler over them ?
 They take up all of them with the hook, 15
 They draw them out in their net,
 And gather them in their drag-net.
 Therefore they rejoice and exult :
 Therefore they sacrifice to their net, 16
 And burn incense to their drag-net,
 Because by them their portion is rich,
 And their food plenteous.
 Shall they therefore empty their net, 17
 And spare not continually to slay the nations ?

CHAP. II.—I will stand upon my watch-tower, 1
 And I will place myself upon the bulwark ;
 And I will watch to see what He will say to me,
 And what he will reply to my pleading.
 And Jehovah answered me, and said, 2
 “Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tablets,
 In order that he may run who readeth it.
 For the vision hath yet an appointed time, 3

But it hasteneth to *its* end, and will not deceive :

Though it delay, wait for it ;

For it will surely come, it will not tarry long.

4 Lo, his soul is lifted up, it is not right within him ;
But the just shall live by his faith."

5 Truly wine deceiveth the proud man,

He will not keep at home,

Who enlargeth his desire as the grave,

And as death, and is not satisfied,

But gathereth to himself all the nations,

And collecteth to himself all the peoples.

6 Shall not these, all of them, take up a parable against
him,

And a taunting proverb against him, and say,

"Woe unto him that increaseth that which is not his
own ?

How long shall he lade himself with debts ?

7 Shall not thine usurers suddenly rise up,

And they awake who will harass thee,

So that thou mayest be a great spoil for them ?"

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations,

All the remnant of the peoples shall spoil thee,

On account of the blood of men, and violence to the
land,

To its city, and to all who dwell therein.

9 Woe to him who gaineth a gain that is evil for his
house,

That he may place his nest on high,

That he may be delivered from the power of evil !

10 Thou hast counselled shame to thy house,

By cutting off many peoples,

And hast sinned against thine own self.

11 For the stone from the wall shall cry out,

And the fastening beam shall answer it.

12 Woe to him who buildeth a town by blood,

And establisheth a city by iniquity !

13 Are not these things from Jehovah of Hosts,

That peoples should labour for the fire,

And nations weary themselves for emptiness.

14 For the land shall be filled with the knowledge of the
glory of Jehovah,

As the waters cover the sea.

15 Woe to him who giveth drink to his neighbour ;

Pouring in thy hot wine and intoxicating drink,
 That thou mayest look on their nakedness !
 Thou hast filled thyself with disgrace more than glory : 16
 Drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered !
 The cup of the right hand of Jehovah shall come round
 to thee,

And shameful vomiting shall be upon thy glory.
 Surely the violence against Lebanon shall cover thee, 17
 And the destruction of *its* beasts shall terrify thee,
 On account of the blood of men and of violence to the
 land,

To the city, and to all who dwell therein.

What profiteth the graven image, that the maker is
 thereof hath graven it ?

The molten image, and the teacher of falsehood ;
 That the maker of his work should trust in it,
 So as to make dumb idols ?

Woe to him who saith to wood, Awake ! 19

To dumb stone, Arise !

Shall that teach ?

Lo, it is spread over with gold and silver,
 And there is no breath at all in it.

But Jehovah is in his holy temple ; 20

Let all the earth be silent before him.

CHAP. III.—A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet on 1
 Shigionoth.

O Jehovah, I have heard thy speech ; 2

I have feared, O Jehovah, thy work.

Bring it to life in the midst of the years,

In the midst of the years make it known :

Yet in wrath remember mercy.

God came from Teman,

And the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. 3

His glory covered the heavens,

And the earth was filled with his praise.

And his brightness was as the sun, 4

And rays *came* from his hand ;

And there was the hiding-place of his power.

Before him went pestilence, 5

And fiery disease went forth after him.

He stood and measured the earth ; 6

- He saw, and made nations to tremble.
 And the ancient mountains were shattered,
 The everlasting hills bowed down,
 The everlasting paths, before him.
 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction :
 The tent-curtains of the land of Midian trembled.
 8 Was Jehovah enraged against the rivers ?
 Was thine anger against the rivers ?
 Was thy wrath against the sea,
 When thou didst ride upon thy horses,
 And thy chariots of deliverance ?
 9 Thy bow was made quite bare
According to the oath to the tribes, thy promise.
 Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
 10 The mountains saw thee, they were in pangs ;
 The overflowing water passed away :
 The deep uttered its voice,
 It lifted up its hands on high.
 11 The sun, the moon stood still in their station ;
 By the light of thine arrows they went on ;
 By the brightness of thy glittering spear.
 12 In indignation thou didst march through the land,
 In anger thou didst tread down nations.
 13 Thou wentest forth for the deliverance of thy people,
 For the deliverance of thine anointed.
 Thou didst wound the head of the house of the wicked,
 Thou didst lay bare the foundation to the rock.
 14 Thou didst pierce with his *own* shafts the head of his
 princes.
 They rushed forth as a whirlwind to scatter us,
 Their exultation was to devour the poor in secret.
 15 Thou didst drive thy horses through the sea,
Through the heap of great waters.
 16 I heard ; my bowels trembled ;
 At the voice my lips quivered ;
 Rottenness entered into my bones,
 And beneath me I trembled.
Yet I will be at rest in the day of distress,
In the coming-up of our invaders against the people.
 17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
 And there shall be no fruit in the vines ;
 The produce of the olive shall fail,
 And the fields shall yield no food ;

Although the flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls :

Yet will I exult in Jehovah,

18

I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength,

19

And he will make my feet like hinds' feet,

And he will cause me to walk upon my high places.

To the chief musician on Neginoth.

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH.

1 CHAP. I.—The word of Jehovah which came unto
Zephaniah, the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son
of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son
of Amon, king of Judah.

- 2 I will utterly take away all things
From off the face of the land, saith Jehovah.
- 3 I will take away man and beast ;
I will take away the fowls of the heavens, and the fishes
of the sea ;
And the stumbling-blocks with the wicked,
And I will cut off man
From off the face of the land, saith Jehovah.
- 4 And I will stretch out my hand upon Judah,
And upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem ;
And I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal,
And the name of the sacrificers with the priests ;
- 5 And those who bow down on the house-tops to the host of
heaven ;
And those who bow down, who swear by Jehovah, and
swear by Malcham ;
- 6 And those who have turned back from following Jehovah,
And who have not sought Jehovah, neither searched for
him.
- 7 Be silent, before the Lord Jehovah ;
For the day of Jehovah is near ;
For Jehovah hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath sanctified
his guests.
- 8 And in the day of the sacrifice of Jehovah,
I will punish the princes and the sons of the king,

And all who are clothed with the garment of the foreigner.
 And I will punish every one who leapeth over the thresh- 9
 old, in that day,
 Who fill their masters' houses with violence and fraud.
 And there shall be in that day, saith Jehovah, 10
 A sound of a cry from the fish-gate,
 And a howling from the second *part of the city*,
 And a great crash from the hills.
 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh ! 11
 For all the traders are cut down ;
 All those laden with silver are cut off.
 And it shall come to pass at that time, 12
 That I will search Jerusalem with lights,
 And I will punish the men who are settled on their lees,
 And who say in their hearts,
 Jehovah will not do good, neither will he do evil.
 And their wealth shall become a spoil, 13
 And their houses a desolation :
 They shall also build houses, but shall not dwell in them ;
 And they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the
 wine thereof.
 The great day of Jehovah is near, 14
 It is near, and hasteth greatly ;
 The voice of the day of Jehovah !
 Bitterly shall the mighty man implore *help*.
 A day of wrath *will* that day *be*, 15
 A day of distress and anguish,
 A day of desolation and tumult,
 A day of darkness and deep gloom,
 A day of cloud and of thick darkness,
 A day of the trumpet and of shouting 16
 Against the fenced cities,
 And against the corner-towers.
 And I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk as 17
 the blind,
 Because they have sinned against Jehovah ;
 And their blood shall be poured out as dust,
 And their carcase as dung.
 Neither their silver nor their gold 18
 Shall be able to deliver them
 In the day of the wrath of Jehovah ;
 But by the fire of his jealousy the whole land shall be
 consumed.

For he will utterly and speedily destroy all the inhabitants
of the land.

- 1 CHAP. II.—Search yourselves, yea, search,
O nation without shame !
- 2 Before the decree bring forth,
(As chaff the day passeth on !)
Before the hot anger of Jehovah come upon you,
Before the day of the anger of Jehovah come upon you.
- 3 Seek ye Jehovah, all ye meek of the land,
Ye who perform his judgment ;
Seek righteousness, seek meekness :
It may be that ye shall be hidden in the day of the anger
of Jehovah.
- 4 Surely Gaza shall be forsaken,
And Ashkelon shall be a desolation,
They shall drive out Ashdod at noonday,
And Ekron shall be rooted up.
- 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea-coast,
The nation of the Cherethites !
The word of Jehovah is against you.
Canaan, land of the Philistines,
I will also destroy thee, so that there shall be no inhabi-
tant !
- 6 And the sea-coast shall be sheep-pastures,
The habitation of shepherds and folds for flocks,
- 7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of
Judah ;
On it shall they feed.
In the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the even-
ing ;
For Jehovah their God will visit them,
And turn again their captivity.
- 8 I have heard the reproach of Moab,
And the revilings of the children of Ammon,
How they have reproached my people,
And magnified themselves against their border.
- 9 Therefore as I live, saith Jehovah of Hosts, the God of
Israel,
Surely Moab shall be as Sodom,
And the children of Ammon as Gomorrah :
A possession for the thorn, and salt-pits,
And a perpetual desolation :

- The remnant of my people shall spoil them,
 And the remnant of my nation shall inherit them.
- This shall they have for their pride, 10
 Because they have reproached and magnified themselves,
 Against the people of Jehovah of Hosts.
 Jehovah will be terrible unto them; 11
 For he will make all the gods of the earth to dwindle:
 And they shall worship him, every one from his place;
 All the coasts of the nations.
 Even ye, O Ethiopians, shall be slain by my sword. 12
 He will also stretch out his hand against the north, 13
 And destroy Assyria;
 And he will make Nineveh a desolation,
 A dry place, like a desert.
 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, 14
 All the living creatures of the nations:
 Both the pelican and the bittern shall lodge in its carved
 ornaments;
Their cry shall resound in the windows;
 Desolation shall be in the thresholds,
 For its cedar-work he will lay bare.
 This is the city that exulted, that dwelt in security, 15
 That said in her heart, I am, and none besides me.
 How is she become a desolation!
 A place for beasts to lie down in!
 Every one that passeth by shall hiss, shall shake his
 hand.

CHAP. III.—Woe to her that is rebellious and pol- 1
 luted,

- To the oppressing city!
 She hath not obeyed the voice, 2
 She hath not received instruction;
 She hath not trusted in Jehovah,
 She hath not drawn near to her God.
 Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions, 3
 Her judges, evening wolves;
 They gnaw not the bones in the morning.
 Her prophets are light-minded, *men* of great deceit, 4
 Her priests pollute the sanctuary, they do violence to the
 law.
 Jehovah who is just is in the midst of her; 5
 He doth no iniquity:

Every morning he bringeth his judgment to light.

He faileth not ; yet the unjust man knoweth not shame.

- 6 I have cut off nations ; their corner-towers are destroyed ;
I have laid waste their streets, that none pass through :
Their cities are laid waste, so that there is no man,
There is no one dwelling *therein*.

- 7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction,

(That her habitation might not be cut off,)

All wherewith I have visited thee.

But they diligently corrupted all their doings.

- 8 Yet wait for me, saith Jehovah,
Until the day when I rise up to the prey ;
For my decree is to collect together the nations,
To assemble the kingdoms ;
To pour out upon them mine indignation,
All the heat of mine anger ;
For with the fire of my jealousy,
Shall all the earth be devoured.

- 9 For then will I give to the peoples in exchange a pure
language,
So that they shall all of them call upon the name of Je-
hovah ;

They shall serve Him with one consent.

- 10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia,
My suppliants, the daughters of my dispersed,
Shall bring mine offering.

- 11 In that day thou shalt not be ashamed,
For all thy doings in which thou hast transgressed against
me :

For then will I remove from the midst of thee

Those who exult in thy pride ;

And thou shalt no more exalt thyself in my holy moun-
tain.

- 12 And I will leave in the midst of thee
A people lowly and poor,
And they shall trust in the name of Jehovah.

- 13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity,
Nor shall they speak falsehood,
Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth.
Surely they shall feed and lie down,
And no one shall make them afraid.

- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O Israel ;

Rejoice and exult with all thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem !

Jehovah hath removed thy judgments, 15
He hath turned aside thine enemies ;
The King of Israel, Jehovah, is in the midst of thee :
Thou shalt see evil no more.

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not ; 16
Zion ! let not thy hands be relaxed !

Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee ; 17

He who is mighty will save *thee* ;

He will rejoice over thee with joy ;

He will renew *thee* in his love,

He will exult over thee, with singing.

I will collect those that are of thee, 18

Who sorrow, away from the solemn assembly.

The reproach was a burden to her.

Lo, at that time I will deal with those who afflict thee ; 19

And I will save her who halteth,

And her who had been driven out I will gather together ;

And I will set them for praise and a name,

In every land in which they have been put to shame.

At that time I will bring you *again*, 20

And at the time will I gather you together.

For I will make you a name and a praise

Among all the peoples of the earth,

When I turn back your captivity before your eyes,

Saith Jehovah.

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI.

1 CHAP. I.—In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet, unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of Hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come; the time that the house of Jehovah should be built.

3 Then came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet, 4 saying, Is it time for you to dwell in your ceiled houses, and 5 this house *lie* waste? And now, thus saith Jehovah of 6 Hosts, Consider well your ways. Ye have sown much, but ye have brought in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough: ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe yourselves, but not to warm you. And he who earneth wages, earneth for a purse with holes.

7 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts, Consider well your ways. 8 Go up the mountain and bring wood and build the house; that I may have pleasure in it, and be glorified, saith Jehovah. 9

Ye looked for abundance, and lo, it is little;
And ye brought it home, and I have blown upon it.
Why? saith Jehovah of Hosts;
On account of my house, because it is waste,
While ye run each to his own house.

10 Therefore the heavens over you are restrained from dew,
And the earth is restrained from its produce.

11 And I have called for a drought on the land, and on the mountains,

And on the corn, and on the new wine, and on the oil,
And on that which the ground bringeth forth,

And on man and on beast ;

And on all the labour of the hands.

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son ¹² of Josedech, the high priest, with all the residue of the people, obeyed the voice of Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as Jehovah their God had sent him, and the people feared before Jehovah. Then spake Haggai, ¹³ the messenger of Jehovah, by a message from Jehovah to the people, saying, I am with you, saith Jehovah.

And Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son ¹⁴ of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people ; and they came, and did work in the house of Jehovah of Hosts their God, in the four and ¹⁵ twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAP. II.—In the seventh *month*, in the one and ¹ twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of Jehovah by the prophet Haggai, saying,

Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor ² of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

Who is left among you 3

Who saw this house in its former glory ?

And how do ye see it now ?

Is it not as nothing in your eyes ?

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, 4

Saith Jehovah ;

And be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest ;

And be strong, all ye people of the land,

Saith Jehovah,

And work ; for I am with you,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts ;

According to the word that I covenanted with you 5

When ye came out of Egypt ;

And my spirit remaineth among you : fear not.

For thus saith Jehovah of Hosts, 6

Yet once, it is a little while,

And I will shake the heavens and the earth,

And the sea, and the dry land ;

And I will shake all the nations, 7

And the desirable things of all nations shall come,

And I will fill this house with glory,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the
former,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts,
And in this place I will give peace,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

10 In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the
second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah by Haggai
the prophet, saying,

11 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts,
Ask now of the priests *concerning* the law, saying,

12 If any one carry holy flesh in the skirt of his garment,
and with his skirt touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or
any food, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and
said, No.

13 Then said Haggai, If one unclean by a dead body touch
any of these things, shall it be unclean? And the priests
answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said,
So is this people,
And so is this nation before me,
Saith Jehovah;
And so all the work of their hands;
And that which they offer there, that is unclean.

15 And now, I beseech you, consider
From this day and upward,
From before the placing of a stone upon a stone
In the temple of Jehovah;

16 From the time when a man went to a heap of twenty
measures,
And there were *but* ten;
And when a man went to the wine press to draw fifty *baths*
from the press,
There were *but* twenty.

17 I smote you with blight and with mildew,
And with hail all the work of your hands;
Yet not one among you *turned* to me,
Saith Jehovah.

18 Consider I beseech you from this day and upward,
From the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*,

From the day in which the foundation of the temple of
Jehovah was laid,

Consider ye.

Is there yet seed in the granary ?

19

Even now the vine, and the fig-tree,

And the pomegranate and the olive tree

Hath not borne fruit :

Yet from this day I will bless them.

And the word of Jehovah came a second time to Haggai, 20
on the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

Speak to Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, saying, 21

I am about to shake the heavens and the earth,

And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms ; 22

And I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the
nations,

And I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in
them ;

And the horses and those who ride on them shall come
down,

Every one by the sword of his brother.

In that day saith Jehovah of Hosts, 23

I will take thee, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, my servant,
Saith Jehovah ;

And I will make thee as a signet :

For thee I have chosen,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH.

- 1 CHAP. I.—In the eighth month, in the second year of
Darius, the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah, the son
of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
2 Jehovah was greatly displeased with your fathers ;
3 But say thou unto them,
Thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
Turn ye unto me, saith Jehovah of Hosts,
And I will turn unto you, saith Jehovah of Hosts.
4 Be not ye as your fathers,
To whom the former prophets called, saying,
Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts,
Turn ye now from your evil ways,
And from your evil doings ;
But they heard not, neither hearkened they to me,
Saith Jehovah.
5 Your fathers, where are they ?
And the prophets, do they live for ever ?
6 But my words and my statutes,
Which I gave in charge to my servants the prophets,
Did they not overtake your fathers ?
So that they returned, and said,
According as Jehovah of Hosts devised to do unto us,
According to our ways, and according to our doings,
So hath he done with us.
7 On the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month,
which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius,
the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah, the son of Bere-
chiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
8 I saw in the night, and lo, a man riding upon a red horse ;
And he stood among the myrtle trees which were in the

valley ; and behind him were red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, My lord, what *are* these? And the angel who 9 talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these are. And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are they* whom Jehovah hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the 11 angel of Jehovah who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth remaineth still, and is at rest. Then the 12 angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of Hosts, how long wilt thou not have pity on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years? And Jehovah answered the angel that 13 talked with me with good words, and comfortable words.

And the angel who talked with me said unto me, Proclaim, 14 saying,

Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts,

I am jealous for Jerusalem

And for Zion with great jealousy :

And I am greatly displeased with the nations that are at 15 case,

Because I was a little displeased,

And they increased the affliction.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah, 16

I return to Jerusalem with great mercy,

My house shall be rebuilt in it,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts ;

And a line shall be stretched forth on Jerusalem.

Again proclaim saying, 17

Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts

My cities shall again overflow with prosperity,

And Jehovah will again comfort Zion,

And will again choose Jerusalem.

Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and, lo, four horns. 18 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What are 19 these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And Jehovah 20 showed me four smiths. Then said I, What are these come 21 to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head ; but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the nations, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

1 CHAP. II.—I lifted up my eyes again, and looked, and,
 2 behold, a man with a measuring-line in his hand. Then
 said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To
 measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and
 3 what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked
 with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,
 4 and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying,

Jerusalem shall be inhabited as unwalled villages,
 For the multitude of men and cattle within her.

5 And I will be to her, saith Jehovah,
 A wall of fire round about,
 And I will be *her* glory in the midst of her.

6 Ho, Ho! Flee ye from the land of the north,
 Saith Jehovah:

For as the four winds of the heavens I will spread you
 abroad,

Saith Jehovah.

7 Ho, Zion! make thine escape,
 Thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon:

8 For thus saith Jehovah of Hosts,
 For *the obtaining of* glory he hath sent me to the nations
 which spoiled you;

For he who toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, lo, I shake my hand over them,
 And they shall be a spoil to their servants;
 And ye shall know that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent me.

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion:
 For, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee,
 Saith Jehovah.

11 And many nations shall be joined to Jehovah in that day,
 And shall be to me a people;
 And I will dwell in the midst of thee;
 And thou shalt know that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent
 me to thee.

12 And Jehovah will inherit Judah,
 His portion in the holy land,
 And will again choose Jerusalem.

13 Be silent all flesh, before Jehovah:
 For he hath risen up from his holy habitation.

1 CHAP. III.—And he showed me Joshua the high priest
 standing before the angel of Jehovah, and the Satan standing
 at his right hand to oppose him.

And Jehovah said unto the Satan, 2
 Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan ;
 Even Jehovah, who hath chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee.
 Is not this a firebrand plucked from the fire ?

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was 3
 standing before the angel. And he answered and spake to 4
 those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy
 garments from him. And to him he said, Lo, I have caused
 thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with
 goodly apparel. Then he said, Let them set a fair mitre 5
 upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and
 clothed him with garments. And the angel of Jehovah was
 standing by.

And the angel of Jehovah testified unto Joshua, saying, 6
 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts, 7
 If thou wilt walk in my ways
 And if thou wilt keep my precepts,
 Then thou shalt also rule over my house,
 And thou shalt also have charge of my courts,
 And I will give thee places for walking among these who
 stand by.

Hear now, O Joshua, the high priest, 8
 Thou and thy companions who sit before thee ;
 For they are signs.
 For, lo, I am bringing forth my servant, The Branch.
 For, lo, the stone which I have placed before Joshua ; 9
 On one stone seven eyes.
 Lo, I engrave the engraving of it,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts,
 And I will remove the iniquity of this land in one day.
 In that day, saith Jehovah of Hosts, 10
 Ye shall invite every man his neighbour,
 To come under his vine and under his fig tree.

CHAP. IV.—And the angel that talked with me came 1
 again and awakened me, as a man that is wakened out of
 his sleep, and said unto me, What seest thou ? And I said, 2
 I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, and a
 bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps upon it, and
 seven pipes to the seven lamps which are upon the top of
 it ; and two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the 3
 bowl, and the other upon the left side of it. And I answered 4
 and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What

5 are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these
6 are? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying,

Not by might, nor by power,
But by my spirit, saith Jehovah of Hosts.

7 What art thou, O great mountain, before Zerubbabel?
A plain.

And he shall bring forth the head-stone with shoutings,
"Favour! favour unto it!"

8 Moreover, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,
9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know
10 that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of Jehovah, which run to and fro
11 through the whole earth. Then I answered, and said unto him, What are these two olive-trees upon the right side of
12 the candlestick, and upon the left side of it? And I answered again, and said unto him, What are these two olive-branches, which, through the two golden pipes, empty the
13 golden *oil* out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No,
14 my lord. Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

1 CHAP. V.—And I lifted up mine eyes again and looked,
2 and lo, a roll flying. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a roll flying; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.
3 Then said he unto me,

This is the curse which goeth forth over the face of the whole earth:

For every one of this place who stealeth shall be punished according to it,

And every one of this place who sweareth shall be punished according to it.

4 I have brought it forth,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts,
And it entereth into the house of the thief,

And into the house of him who sweareth in my name to
a falsehood;

And it lodgeth in the midst of his house,
And consumeth it with the timber thereof, and with the
stones thereof.

Then the angel who talked with me went forth, and ⁵
said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this
that goeth forth. And I said, What is it? And he said, ⁶
This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This
is their iniquity in all the land. And, lo, a talent of lead ⁷
was lifted up, and a woman sat within the ephah. And he ⁸
said, This is Wickedness. And he cast her into the midst of
the ephah, and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth
thereof. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, lo, ⁹
there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings;
(for they had wings like the wings of a stork;) and they
lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.
Then said I to the angel who talked with me, Whither do ¹⁰
these bear the ephah? And he said to me, To build it a ¹¹
house in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established,
and set there upon its base.

CHAP. VI.—And again I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, ¹
and, lo, there came four chariots out from between two
mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.
To the first chariot were red horses, and to the second ²
chariot black horses, and to the third chariot white horses, ³
and to the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. Then I ⁴
answered and said to the angel that talked with me, What
are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said to ⁵
me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go
forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. The ⁶
black horses which are therein go forth into the north
country: and the white go forth after them; and the grisled
go forth towards the south country. And the bay went forth, ⁷
and sought to go, that they might walk to and fro through
the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro
through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the
earth. Then cried he unto me, and spoke to me, saying, ⁸
Lo, these that go towards the north country have quieted my
spirit in the north country.

And the word of Jehovah came to me, saying,

- 10 Take of *them* of the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah,
and of Jedaiah, who are come from Babylon, and go thou
the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of
11 Zephaniah; then take silver and gold, and make crowns,
and set *one* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech,
12 the high priest; and speak to him, saying, Thus saith Je-
hovah of Hosts,
Lo, the man whose name is The Branch :
And he shall branch out from his place,
And he shall build the temple of Jehovah :
13 Even he shall build the temple of Jehovah ;
And he shall receive glory,
And he shall sit and rule upon his throne ;
And a priest shall be upon his throne ;
And a counsel of peace shall be between these two.
14 And there shall be crowns for Helem,
And for Tobiah, and for Jedaiah, and for Hen the son of
Zephaniah,
For a memorial in the temple of Jehovah.
15 And they who are afar off shall come and build in the tem-
ple of Jehovah ;
And ye shall know that Jehovah of Hosts hath sent me
unto you.
And *thus* it shall be, if ye diligently hearken
To the voice of Jehovah your God.

- 1 CHAP. VII.—And in the fourth year of king Darius,
the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah in the fourth day
2 of the ninth month, in Chisleu ; when they had sent unto
the house of God Sherezer and Regem-melech, and their
3 men, to pray before Jehovah, *and* to speak unto the priests
which were in the house of Jehovah of Hosts, and to the
prophets, saying, Shall I weep in the fifth month, separating
4 myself, as I have done these so many years ? Then came the
5 word of Jehovah of Hosts unto me, saying, Speak to all the
people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted
and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy
6 years, did ye at all fast to me, *even* to me ? And when ye
did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*,
7 and drink *for yourselves* ? *Should ye* not hear the words
which Jehovah proclaimed by the former prophets, when Je-
rusalem was inhabited and in prosperity ; and her cities

round about her, and the south and the plain were inhabited?

And the word of Jehovah came to Zechariah, saying, 8
 Thus spake Jehovah of Hosts, saying, 9
 Judge true judgment,
 And show kindness and compassion,
 Every one to his brother,
 And oppress not the widow and the orphan, the stranger 10
 and the poor,
 Neither let any of you imagine evil against his brother
 in your heart.
 But they refused to hear, 11
 And they drew back the shoulder,
 And their ears they made dull that they might not hear.
 And they made their heart a stone of adamant, 12
 That they might not hear the law and the words,
 Which Jehovah of Hosts sent by his Spirit,
 By the former prophets.
 Therefore there was great wrath from Jehovah of Hosts.
 And as I called, and they heard not, 13
 So they called and I heard not,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the 14
 nations whom they knew not ;
 And the land was desolate after them,
 Without a traveller or an inhabitant ;
 And they made a desirable land a desolation.

CHAP. VIII.—And the word of Jehovah of Hosts 1
 came *to me*, saying,
 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ; 2
 I have been jealous for Zion with a great jealousy,
 And with great wrath I have been jealous for her.
 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ; 3
 I have returned unto Zion,
 And I will dwell in Jerusalem ;
 And Jerusalem shall be called, A city of truth ;
 And the mountain of Jehovah of Hosts, The holy moun-
 tain.
 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ; 4
 Old men and old women shall yet dwell in the streets of
 Jerusalem,

Even the man with his staff in his hand, from the number of his years.

5 And the streets of the cities shall be full of boys and of girls,

Playing in their streets.

6 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ;

If it be wonderful in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days,

Shall it be wonderful in mine eyes ?

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

7 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ;

Lo, I will save my people from the land of the rising of the sun,

And from the land of the setting of the sun :

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem ;

And they shall be to me a people,

And I will be to them a God,

In truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ;

Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days

These words from the mouth of my prophets,

Which *were spoken* in the day of the laying of the foundation of the house of Jehovah of Hosts,

Of the temple, that it might be built.

10 For before these days

There were no wages for man,

And there was no hire for beast,

And to him who went out and to him who came in there was no peace on account of the distress ;

For I set all men each against his neighbour.

11 But now, not as in the former days will I be to the remnant of this people,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

12 For the seed shall be prosperous ;

The vine shall yield its fruit,

And the ground shall yield its produce,

And the heavens shall yield their dew ;

And I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

13 And as ye have been a curse among the nations,

O house of Judah, and O house of Israel ;

So I will save you that ye shall be a blessing :
 Fear not, let your hands be strong.

For thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ; 14
 As I thought to do you evil, when your fathers made me
 angry,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts,
 And I repented not ;
 So have I again thought in these days 15
 To do good to Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah :
 Fear ye not.

These are the things which ye shall do ; 16
 Speak truth each to his neighbour ;
 Judge in your gates truth and the judgment of peace ;
 And devise not in your hearts every one evil against his 17
 neighbour ;

And a false oath love not :
 For all these are what I hate, saith Jehovah.

And the word of Jehovah of Hosts came unto me, saying, 18
 Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ; 19
 The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth *month*,
 And the fast of the seventh *month*, and the fast of the
 tenth *month*,

Shall be to the house of Judah for joy,
 And for gladness, and for cheerful feasts.
 But love ye truth and peace.

Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts ; 20
 It shall yet be that peoples shall come,
 And the inhabitants of many cities ;
 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 21
 Let us go speedily to entreat the face of Jehovah,
 And to seek Jehovah of Hosts ;
 " I also will go," *will he reply*.

And many peoples and strong nations shall come, 22
 To seek Jehovah of Hosts in Jerusalem,
 And to entreat the favour of Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts, 23
 In those days ten men shall take hold,
 From among all the languages of the nations,
 They shall even take hold of the skirt of him who is a
 Jew, saying,
 We will go with you,
 For we have heard that God is with you.

CHAP. IX.—The prophecy of the word of Jehovah.
On the land of Hadrach and of Damascus is its resting-
place,

(For the eye of Jehovah is upon man,
And upon all the tribes of Israel:)

2 And on Hamath which bordereth on it ;

On Tyre and Sidon, though she be very wise.

3 Tyre, indeed, hath built herself a fortress,

And hath heaped up silver as dust,

And fine gold as mire of the streets.

4 Lo, Jehovah will dispossess her,

And will smite her power in the sea ;

And she shall be devoured by fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see and shall fear ;

Gaza also, and shall be greatly pained ;

And Ekron, because her expectation is put to shame.

And the king shall perish from Gaza,

And Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a stranger shall dwell in Ashdod,

And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will remove his blood from his mouth,

And his abominations from between his teeth:

And even he shall be left for our God ;

And he shall be as a ruler in Judah,

And Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will encamp about my house against the army,

Against that which passeth through, and against that which
returneth ;

And no more shall the oppressor pass through them :

For now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion ;

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem :

Lo ! thy king cometh unto thee ;

Just and a saviour is he ;

Humble and sitting on an ass,

Even upon a colt, the foal of a she ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,

And the horse from Jerusalem,

And the battle-bow shall be cut off :

And he shall speak peace to the nations ;

And his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

And from the river to the ends of the land.

As for thee, also, by the blood of thy covenant,

I have sent forth thy prisoners from the pit,
 In which was no water.
 Return ye to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope : 12
 Even this day I declare,
 I will restore double to thee :
 For I have bent Judah for myself, 13
 I have filled the bow with Ephraim,
 And I will raise up thy sons, O Zion,
 Against thy sons, O Javan,
 And make thee as the sword of a mighty man.
 And Jehovah shall be seen over them, 14
 And his arrow shall go forth as lightning ;
 And the Lord Jehovah shall blow the trumpet,
 And go forth with whirlwinds of the south.
 Jehovah of Hosts shall protect them ; 15
 And they shall devour and subdue with sling-stones ;
 And they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine ;
 And they shall be filled as a bowl,
 As the corners of the altar.
 And Jehovah their God shall save them, 16
 In that day, as a flock, his people :
 For stones of a diadem *they shall be* exalted over his land.
 For how great will be their prosperity, 17
 And how great their beauty !
 Corn will make the young men flourish,
 And new wine, the maidens.

CHAP. X.—Ask ye of Jehovah rain, in the time of the 1
 latter rain ;

Jehovah will make lightnings,
 And showers of rain will he give to them,
 To every one the herbage of the field.
 For the idols have spoken vanity, 2
 And the diviners have seen a falsehood,
 And dreams of vanity they have told ;
 In vain have they comforted.
 Therefore they have wandered like a flock,
 And have been troubled, because there was no shepherd.
 Against the shepherds mine anger hath been kindled, 3
 And the he-goats have I punished :
 For Jehovah of Hosts will visit his flock,
 The house of Judah,
 And make them as his goodly horse in the battle.

- 4 From him is the corner-tower ;
 From him the tent-pin, from him the battle-bow,
 From him cometh forth every ruler together.
- 5 And they shall be as mighty men,
 Treading down in the battle as the mire of the streets ;
 They shall fight, for Jehovah is with them ;
 And the riders on horses shall be confounded.
- 6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah,
 And I will save the house of Joseph,
 And I will bring them back, for I will have mercy upon
 them,
 And they shall be as though I had not cast them off :
 For I am Jehovah their God, and will hear them.
- 7 And Ephraim shall be as a mighty man,
 And their heart shall rejoice as through wine ;
 And their sons shall see it, and rejoice,
 And their heart shall exult in Jehovah.
- 8 I will call for them and gather them together,
 For I have redeemed them ;
 And they shall increase as they before increased.
- 9 And I will sow them among the peoples,
 And in far distant countries they shall remember me :
 And they shall live with their children, and return.
- 10 And I will bring them back from the land of Egypt,
 And from Assyria I will gather them ;
 And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and
 Lebanon,
 And room shall not be found for them.
- 11 And he shall pass through the narrow sea,
 And shall smite the waves in the sea,
 And all the depths of the rivers shall be dried up ;
 And the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
 And the sceptre of Egypt shall depart.
- 12 And I will strengthen them in Jehovah ;
 And in his name they shall walk,
 Saith Jehovah.

- 1 CHAP. XI.—Open, O Lebanon, thy doors,
 That the fire may devour thy cedars.
- 2 Howl, O cypress ; because the cedar is fallen ;
 Because the most excellent of them are destroyed.
 Howl, O oaks of Bashan ;
 Because the fenced forest is brought down.

A sound of the howling of the shepherds ! 3
 Because their glory is laid waste :
 A sound of the roaring of young lions !
 Because the pride of Jordan is laid waste.

Thus saith Jehovah my God ; 4
 Feed thou the flock of the slaughter,
 Whose possessors slaughter them, yet hold themselves not 5
 guilty,
 And they who sell them say, "Blessed be Jehovah, for I
 am rich."

Even their own shepherds pity them not.
 For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land, 6
 Saith Jehovah ;
 But, lo, I will deliver the men,
 Every one into the hand of his neighbour and into the
 hand of his king ;
 And they shall smite the land,
 And I will not deliver out of their hand.

So I fed the flock of the slaughter, because of the poor of 7
 the flock, and I took to myself two crooks ; the one I called
 Favour, and the other I called Bands : and I fed the flock.
 And I cut off three shepherds in one month ; and my soul 8
 loathed them, and their soul abhorred me. Then I said, I 9
 will not feed you : that which dieth, let it die : and that
 which is cut off, let it be cut off ; and let those which remain
 eat every one the flesh of his fellow. Then I took my crook 10
 Favour, and cut it asunder, to break my covenant which I
 had made with all the peoples. And it was broken in that 11
 day ; and so the poor of the flock, who were observing me,
 knew that this was the word of Jehovah. And I said to 12
 them, "If it be good in your eyes, give me my hire ; but
 if not, forbear." So they weighed my hire, thirty pieces
 of silver. And Jehovah said to me, Cast it into the treasury ; 13
 the goodly price at which I have been prized by them. So I
 took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them in the house
 of Jehovah, into the treasury. Then I cut asunder my other 14
 crook Bands, to break the brotherhood between Judah and
 Israel.

And Jehovah said to me again, Take to thyself the in- 15
 struments of an unwise shepherd :

For lo ! I will raise up a shepherd in the land : 16
 Of that which is cut off he shall not take account,
 That which is young he shall not seek,

And that which is hurt he shall not heal ;
 That which is weary he shall not sustain ;
 But the flesh of that which is fat he shall eat,
 And break their hoofs in pieces.

- 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who forsaketh the flock !
 The sword shall be upon his arm,
 And upon his right eye :
 His arm shall be wholly withered,
 And his right eye utterly darkened.

- 1 CHAP. XII.—The prophecy of the word of Jehovah.
 Concerning Israel, saith Jehovah,
 Who stretcheth out the heavens, and layeth the founda-
 tions of the earth,

And formeth the spirit of man within him.

- 2 Lo ! I will make Jerusalem
 A cup of reeling to all the peoples around,
 And even against Judah it shall be
 In the siege against Jerusalem.

- 3 And in that day I will make Jerusalem
 A burdensome stone to all the peoples :
 All who burden themselves with it shall be torn in pieces,
 For all the nations of the earth shall be collected together
 against it.

- 4 In that day, saith Jehovah,
 I will strike every horse with astonishment, and his rider
 with madness ;
 And upon the house of Judah I will open mine eyes,
 And every horse of the peoples I will strike with blind-
 ness.

- 5 And the leaders of Judah shall say in their heart,
 The inhabitants of Jerusalem are strength to me,
 Through Jehovah of Hosts their God.

- 6 In that day, I will make the leaders of Judah
 As a hearth of fire among wood,
 And as a torch of fire in a sheaf ;
 And they shall consume, on the right hand and on the
 left,

All the peoples around ;
 And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again
 In her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

- 7 And Jehovah will save the tents of Judah as aforetime ;
 So that the glory of the house of David may not magnify
 itself,

Nor the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, against
 Judah.
 In that day Jehovah will protect the inhabitants of Jeru- 8
 salem ;
 And he that is feeble among them shall be in that day as
 David ;
 And the house of David, as God,
 As the angel of Jehovah before them.
 And in that day I will seek to destroy 9
 All the nations which come against Jerusalem.
 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the 10
 inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 A spirit of favour and of supplications ;
 And they shall look upon him whom they have pierced,
 And they shall mourn for him, as the mourning for an
 only son,
 And the bitterness for him shall be as the bitterness for a
 first-born.
 In that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be great, 11
 As the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Me-
 giddon.
 And the land shall mourn, every family apart : 12
 The family of the house of David apart, and their wives
 apart ;
 The family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives
 apart ;
 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives 13
 apart ;
 The family of the house of Shimei apart, and their wives
 apart ;
 All the families that remain, 14
 Every family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAP. XIII.—In that day a fountain shall be opened 1
 For the house of David, and for the inhabitants of Jeru-
 salem,
 For sin and for uncleanness.
 And in that day, saith Jehovah of Hosts, 2
 I will cut off the names of the idols from the land,
 And they shall be remembered no more ;
 And the prophets also and the spirit of uncleanness,
 I will cause to pass from the land.
 And when any one shall yet prophesy, 3
 His father and his mother who begat him shall say to him,

- Thou shalt not live,
 For thou speakest falsehood in the name of Jehovah.
 And his father and his mother who begat him,
 Shall pierce him through when he prophesieth.
 4 And in that day, the prophets shall be ashamed
 Every one of his vision, in his prophesying;
 Neither shall they wear a garment of hair to deceive;
 5 But he shall say, I am not a prophet;
 I am a man who tilleth the ground;
 For a man hath possessed me from my youth.
 6 And if one say to him, What are these wounds in thy
 hands?
 Then he shall say, Those *with which* I have been smitten
 in the house of my friends.
 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
 Even against the mighty man mine associate,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
 Smite the shepherd, and the flock shall be scattered;
 And I will turn my hand against the little ones.
 8 And in all the land, saith Jehovah,
 Two parts therein shall be cut off, shall die,
 And the third part shall be left in it.
 9 And I will bring the third part into the fire,
 And I will refine them as silver is refined,
 And I will try them as gold is tried.
 They shall call upon my name, and I will answer them
 I will say, This is my people;
 And they shall say, Jehovah is my God.

- 1 CHAP. XIV.—Lo, the day of Jehovah cometh,
 And thy spoil shall be divided within thee.
 2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to
 battle;
 And the city shall be taken, and the houses destroyed,
 And the women defiled;
 And half the city shall go into captivity,
 But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from
 the city.
 3 And Jehovah shall go forth and fight against those
 nations,
 As when he *formerly* fought in the day of conflict.
 4 And his feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of
 Olives,

Which is opposite to Jerusalem on the east ;
And the Mount of Olives shall be rent in the midst thereof,

Eastward and westward, a very great valley ;
And half of the mountain shall remove northward, and half of it southward.

And ye shall flee by the valley of the mountains ; 5

For the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal :

And ye shall flee, as ye fled before the earthquake

In the days of Uzziah king of Judah ;

And Jehovah my God shall come,

All his holy ones with him.

And in that day there shall not be light, 6

But cold and frost ;

And there shall be one day, 7

(It is known to Jehovah)

Not day, yet not night :

But at evening-time there shall be light.

And in that day living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, 8

Half of them towards the eastern sea,

And half of them towards the western sea :

In summer and in winter it shall be.

And Jehovah shall be king over all the earth : 9

In that day Jehovah shall be one, and his name one.

The whole land shall be changed into a plain, 10

From Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem :

And *Jerusalem* shall be raised up, and inhabited in her place,

From the gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate,

Unto the corner-gate,

And from the tower of Hananeel to the wine-presses of the king.

And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction ;

But Jerusalem shall be inhabited in security.

And this shall be the plague with which Jehovah will 12 smite

All the peoples who arrayed themselves against Jerusalem ;

Their flesh shall waste away while they stand upon their feet,

And their eyes shall waste away in their sockets,

And their tongue shall waste away in their mouth.

- 13 And in that day a great tumult from Jehovah shall be
among them ;
And they shall take hold every one of the hand of his
neighbour,
And his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neigh-
bour.
- 14 And Judah also shall fight in Jerusalem :
And the wealth of all the nations around shall be ga-
thered together,
Gold and silver and apparel, in great abundance.
- 15 And such shall be the plague of the horse,
Of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass,
And of all the cattle which shall be in those camps,
As this plague.
- 16 And every one who is left of all the nations which came
against Jerusalem,
Shall go up from year to year,
To worship the king, Jehovah of Hosts,
And to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
- 17 And whoever will not go up of all the families of the
earth to Jerusalem,
To worship the king, Jehovah of Hosts,
Even upon them shall be no rain.
- 18 And if the family of Egypt will not go up nor come,
Shall not the plague be upon them, with which Jehovah
shall smite all the nations
Which come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles ?
- 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt,
And the punishment of all the nations that come not up
To keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
- 20 In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses,
“ Holiness to Jehovah ; ”
And the pots in the house of Jehovah
Shall be as the bowls before the altar.
- 21 And every pot in Jerusalem, and in Judah,
Shall be “ Holiness to Jehovah of Hosts ; ”
And all they who sacrifice shall come
And take of them and seethe in them :
And there shall be no more a trafficker
In the house of Jehovah, in that day.

THE BOOK OF MALACHI.

CHAP. I.—The prophecy of the word of Jehovah to Israel by Malachi.

I have loved you, saith Jehovah : 2

But ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us ?

Was not Esau Jacob's brother ? saith Jehovah ;

Yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau, 3

And I made his mountain a desolation,

And his inheritance *a dwelling* for jackals of the wilderness.

When the Edomites say, We are impoverished, 4

But we will build again the waste places ;

Thus saith Jehovah of Hosts,

They may build, but I will throw down ;

And they shall be called, The region of wickedness,

And The people whom Jehovah will abhor for ever.

And your eyes shall see *this*, and ye shall say, 5

Jehovah will be magnified beyond the border of Israel.

A son honoureth a father, and a servant his master : 6

If then I be a father, where is my honour ?

And if I be a master, where is my reverence ?

Saith Jehovah of Hosts

To you, ye priests, who despise my name.

But ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name ?

Ye bring to my altar polluted food ; 7

Yet ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee ?

Inasmuch as ye say, The table of Jehovah is contemptible.

Now if ye bring the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil ? 8

And if ye bring the lame and the diseased, is it not evil ?
Present it now to thy ruler !

Will he be pleased with thee, or be favourable to thee ?

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

- 9 And now, entreat ye Jehovah that he would be gracious
unto us :

By your own means this hath been ;

Will he be favourable to you ?

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

- 10 Is there no one among you that will shut the doors,
So that ye may not kindle *fire* on mine altar in vain ?
I have no pleasure in you, saith Jehovah of Hosts,
Neither will I accept a meal-offering from your hand.
- 11 For from the rising of the sun, even unto its going down,
My name shall be great among the nations ;
And in every place incense shall be offered to my name,
And a pure meal-offering :
For my name shall be great among the nations,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
- 12 But ye profane it, inasmuch as ye say,
The table of Jehovah, it is polluted,
And its fruit, its meat, is contemptible.
- 13 Ye also say, Lo, what a weariness ! and ye have snuffed at
it,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts :
And ye have brought the torn, and the lame, and the
diseased,
And *thus* ye have brought the meal-offering.
Shall I be pleased with this from your hand ?
Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
- 14 But cursed be the deceiver who hath in his flock a male,
Yet voweth and sacrificeth to Jehovah a corrupt thing :
For a great king am I, saith Jehovah of Hosts,
And my name is terrible among the nations.

- 1 CHAP. II.—And now, ye priests, to you is this com-
mandment.

- 2 If ye will not hear,
And if ye will not lay it to heart,
To give glory to my name, saith Jehovah of Hosts,
I will send upon you a curse,
And I will curse your blessings ;

And indeed I have cursed them,
 Because ye lay it not to heart.
 Lo, I will corrupt your seed, 3
 And scatter dung upon your faces,
 The dung of your solemn feasts ;
 And one shall carry you to it.
 And ye shall know that I have sent to you this command- 4
 ment,
 That my covenant may be with Levi,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
 My covenant was with him of life and peace ; 5
 And I gave them to him for the reverence with which he
 revered me,
 And *because* he was in awe before my name.
 The law of truth was in his mouth, 6
 And falsehood was not found in his lips :
 In peace and uprightness he walked with me,
 And many he turned from iniquity.
 For the lips of the priest should keep knowledge, 7
 And they should seek the law from his mouth :
 For he is the messenger of Jehovah of Hosts.
 But ye have turned aside from the way ; 8
 Ye have caused many to stumble at the law,
 Ye have broken the covenant of Levi,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts ;
 And therefore I have made you contemptible, 9
 And mean before the people,
 Inasmuch as ye have not kept my ways,
 But have had respect to persons in *administering* the law.
 Have we not all one Father ? 10
 Hath not one God created us ?
 Why do we act treacherously
 Every one towards his neighbour,
 By profaning the covenant of our fathers ?
 Judah hath acted treacherously, 11
 And abomination is committed in Israel and Jerusalem :
 For Judah hath profaned the holiness of Jehovah which
 he loveth,
 And hath married the daughter of a foreign god.
 Jehovah will cut off the man who doeth this, 12
 Him who watcheth and him who answereth, from the tents
 of Jacob,

And him who bringeth a meal-offering to Jehovah of Hosts.

- 13 And this again ye have done ;
 Ye cover the altar of Jehovah with tears,
 With weeping, and with wailing,
 So that he no more regardeth the meal-offering,
 Nor receiveth it with good-will at your hand.
- 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore ?
 Because Jehovah was a witness
 Between thee and the wife of thy youth,
 Towards whom thou hast acted treacherously :
 Yet she is thy companion and the wife of thy covenant.
- 15 *Ye say* "And did not one so, when yet a *good* spirit remained in him ?"
 But what did that one seek ? A godly seed.
 Take heed then to your spirit,
 And let no one deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.
- 16 For I hate divorcement,
 Saith Jehovah, God of Israel ;
 And him who covereth violence with his garment,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
 Therefore take heed to your spirit,
 And deal not treacherously.
- 17 Ye have wearied Jehovah by your words :
 Yet ye say, By what have we wearied him ?
 By your saying, Every one who doeth evil
 Is good in the sight of Jehovah,
 And in them he delighteth :
 Or, Where is the God of judgment ?

- 1 CHAP. III.—Lo, I will send my messenger,
 And he shall prepare the way before me :
 And suddenly he shall come to his temple,
 The Lord whom ye seek.
 And the messenger of the covenant in whom ye delight,
- 2 Lo, he shall come, saith Jehovah of Hosts.
 But who shall abide the day of his coming,
 And who shall stand when he appeareth ?
 For he is as the fire of a refiner,
 And as the soap of fullers.
- 3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver,

And shall purify the sons of Levi,
 And refine them as gold and silver,
 And they shall offer to Jehovah a meal-offering in righteousness.

Then pleasant to Jehovah shall be the meal-offering of 4
 Judah and Jerusalem

As in the days of old, as in former years,
 And I will come near to you in judgment ; 5
 And I will be a swift witness against sorcerers,
 And against adulterers, and against those who swear
 falsely,

And against those who oppress the hireling in his hire,
 the widow and orphan,

And who turn aside the stranger, and fear not me,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

For I am Jehovah, I change not ; 6
 Therefore, ye sons of Jacob, ye are not consumed.

From the days of your fathers ye have turned away from 7
 my statutes, and have not kept *them*.

Return to me and I will return to you,
 Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

But ye say, Wherein shall we return ?
 Shall man rob God ? 8
 Yet ye rob me.

But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee ?
 In tithes and in heave-offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse ; 9

For me ye have robbed, the whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes unto the store-house, 10

So that there may be food in my house ;

And prove me now by this,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts,

If I will not open to you the windows of the heavens,

And pour out to you a blessing, till there be not room
 enough,

And rebuke the devourer for you, 11

So that he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground,

Neither shall the vine cast its fruit in the field,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

And all the nations shall call you blessed : 12

For ye shall be a desirable land,

Saith Jehovah of Hosts.

- 13 Bold have been your words against me, saith Jehovah :
Yet ye say, What have we spoken against thee ?
- 14 Ye have said, " It is vain to serve God ;
And what profit is it that we have observed his precept,
And that we have walked mournfully before Jehovah of
Hosts ;
- 15 And now we call the proud happy :
They who do wickedness are even built up,
They even try God, and escape."
- 16 Then they who feared Jehovah spoke together,
Every one to his neighbour ;
And Jehovah hearkened and heard ;
And a book of remembrance was written before him,
For those who feared Jehovah, and who thought upon his
name.
- 17 And they shall be mine, saith Jehovah of Hosts,
In the day when I make up my treasure ;
And I will be kind to them,
As a man is kind to his son who is obedient to him.
- 18 And ye shall again discern between the righteous and the
wicked,
Between him who serveth God, and him who serveth him
not.

- 1 CHAP. IV.—For, lo, the day is coming which shall
burn as a furnace ;
And all the proud, and all that do wickedness, shall be
stubble ;
And the day which is coming shall burn them up,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts ;
For it shall not leave them root or branch.
- 2 But unto you who fear my name shall arise
The Sun of Righteousness, with healing in his wings ;
And ye shall go forth and thrive as calves of the stall.
- 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked,
For they shall be dust beneath the soles of your feet,
In the day when I shall do *this*,
Saith Jehovah of Hosts.
- 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant,
Which I commanded him in Horeb concerning all Israel ;
The statutes and ordinances.
- 5 Lo, I will send to you Elijah the prophet,

Before the coming of the day of Jehovah, the great and
the terrible :

That he may turn the heart of the fathers to the
children,

And the heart of the children to the fathers ;

Lest I come and smite the land with a curse.

THE END.

Erratum.

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